## Customer Experience Surveys - Wave 4 Fixed Route Bus, Bus Rapid Transit, Rail, & Paratransit

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### Methodology Fixed Route Bus, BRT, Rail



Targeted customers riding or waiting for the bus throughout the day on weekdays, Saturday, and Sunday to obtain a representative sample based on latest RTA ridership data

Surveyed every 4th customer to ensure random sampling.

Fixed Route Bus	BRT	Rail
445 completed surveys	442 completed surveys	484 completed surveys
+/-4.7% at the 95%	+/-4.7% at the 95%	+/-4.7% at the 95%
level of confidence	level of confidence	level of confidence





Administered by trained surveyors using paper questionnaires, tablet interviews, and QR codes.

Customers were given one all day pass and an incentive for completing the survey.

## GCRTA 2023 Rider Profile (Fixed Bus, BRT & Rail)

Are you dependent on RTA for travel?		Genc	ler	Race/Ethnicity	
Yes	82%	Male	53%	Black	58%
No	18%	Female	46%	White	25%
How often do you	ride the bus	Other	1%	Hispanic	7%
or train?		Age		Asian	5%
5+ days/week	53%	15-24 years	23%	American Indian	3%
3-4 days/week	20%	25-34 years	25%	Pacific Islander	1%
1-2 days/week	14%	35-44 years	21%	Other	1%
2-3 times/month	7%	45-54 years	14%	Income	
< once a month	7%	55-64 years	11%	Less than \$25K	40%
Trip Purpose		65+ years	6%	\$25K-\$29,999	19%
Work	52%	Househo	ld Size	\$30K-\$34,999	11%
Education	13%	1	34%	\$35K-\$39,999	9%
Leisure/social/rec	12%	2	24%	\$40K-\$44,999	6%
Shopping	12%	3	16%	\$45K-\$49,999	5%
Healthcare	7%	4	12%	\$50K-\$74,999	5%
Religious activities	2%	5	7%	\$75K+	5%
Other	3%	6+	7%		



### **Methodology** *Paratransit*



ETC Institute used their hybrid approach to collect over 400 surveys.

Received list of RTA Paratransit customers including name, address, and phone number. Mailed survey and cover letter to over 2,000 individuals who used Paratransit services in the last quarter.



### Paratransit

**428** completed surveys **+/-4.8%** at the 95%

level of confidence

After mailing survey material, ETC followed up with text messages phone calls to recipients.





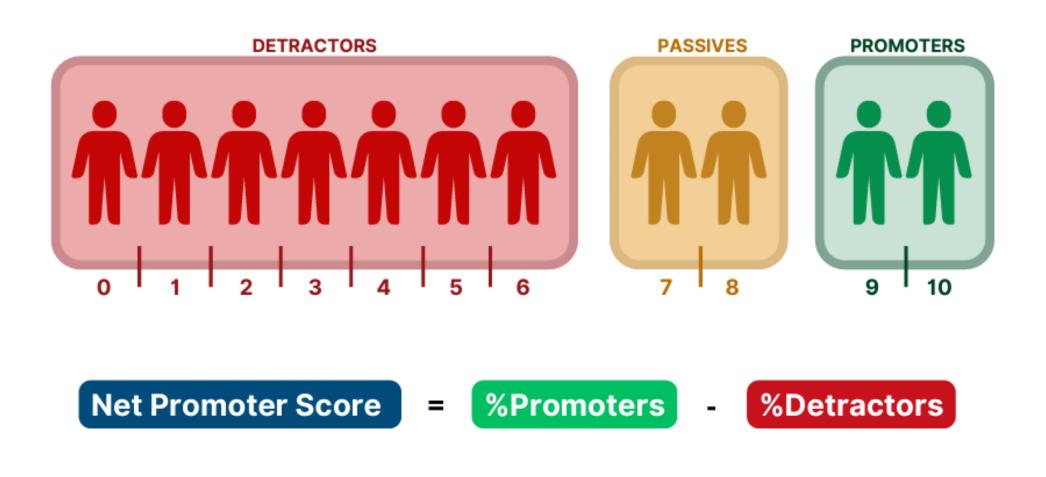
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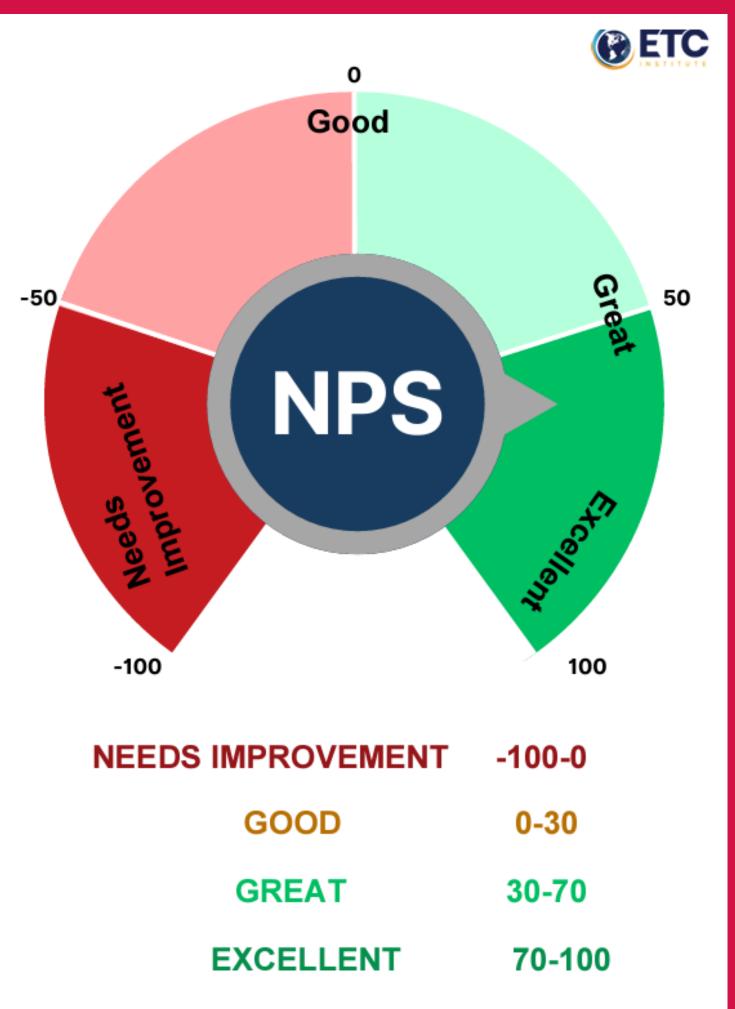
# Customer Impressions Fixed Route Bus

## Net Promoter Score (NPS)

### **NPS** poses the ultimate question:

"How likely would you be to recommend riding RTA to a friend or neighbor?"





# **Fixed Route Bus** (FR)



## **Fixed Route Bus Results Overview**

**63%** of customers are satisfied with bus service. 87% of customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community.





### **Top Most Important Elements of Bus Service to** Customers...

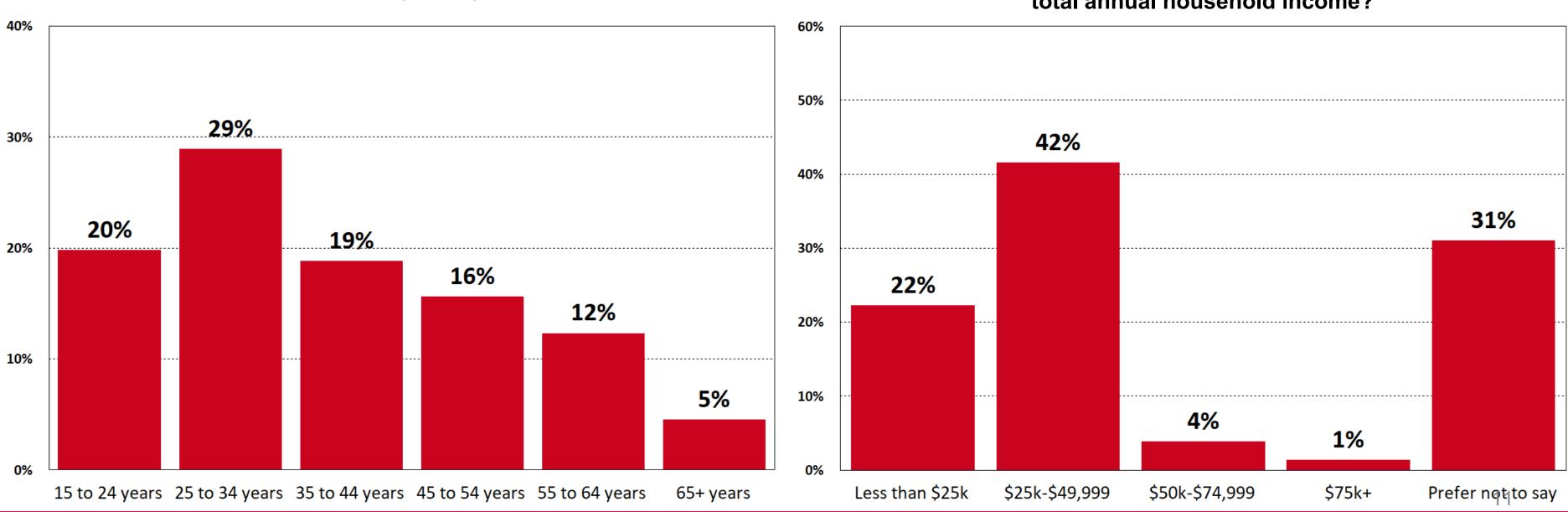
- 1. On-time performance
- 2. Bus cleanliness
- 3. Safety while riding
- 4. Safety while waiting

# **Customer Characteristics** Fixed Route Bus



What is your age?

• 29% of FR customers are between 25 and 34 years old. 64% of FR customers make less than \$50,000.

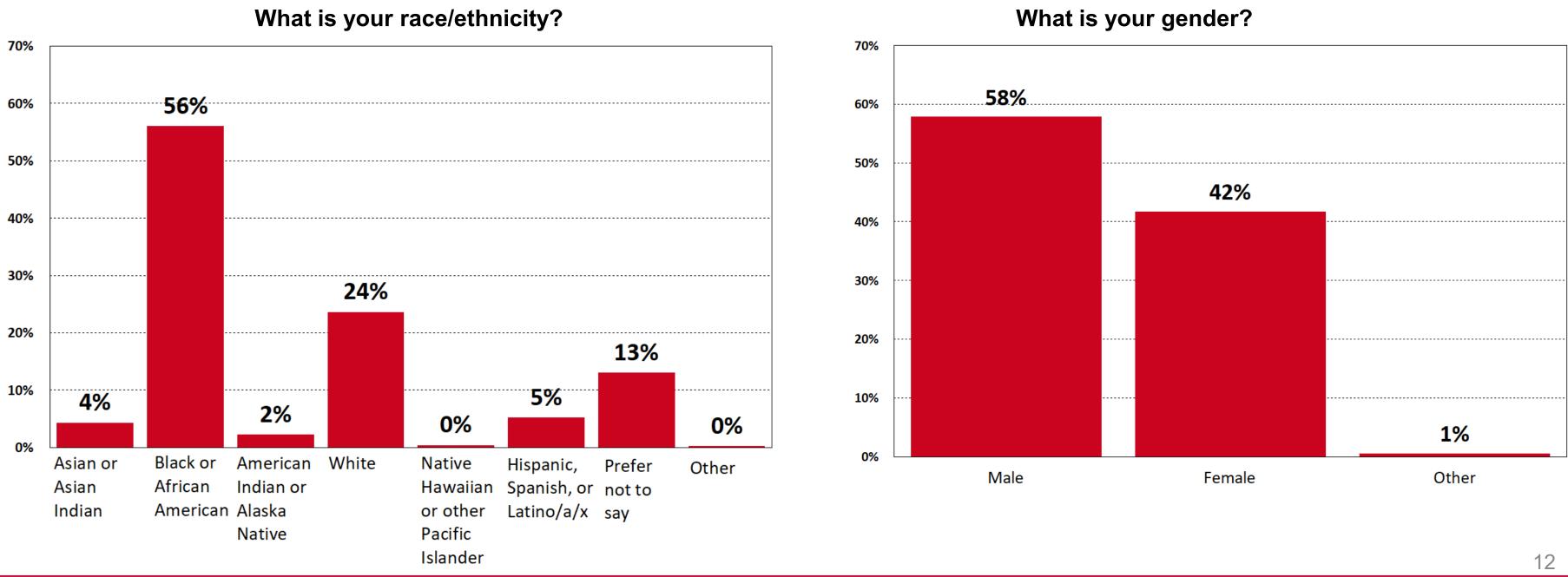




### What category best describes your total annual household income?



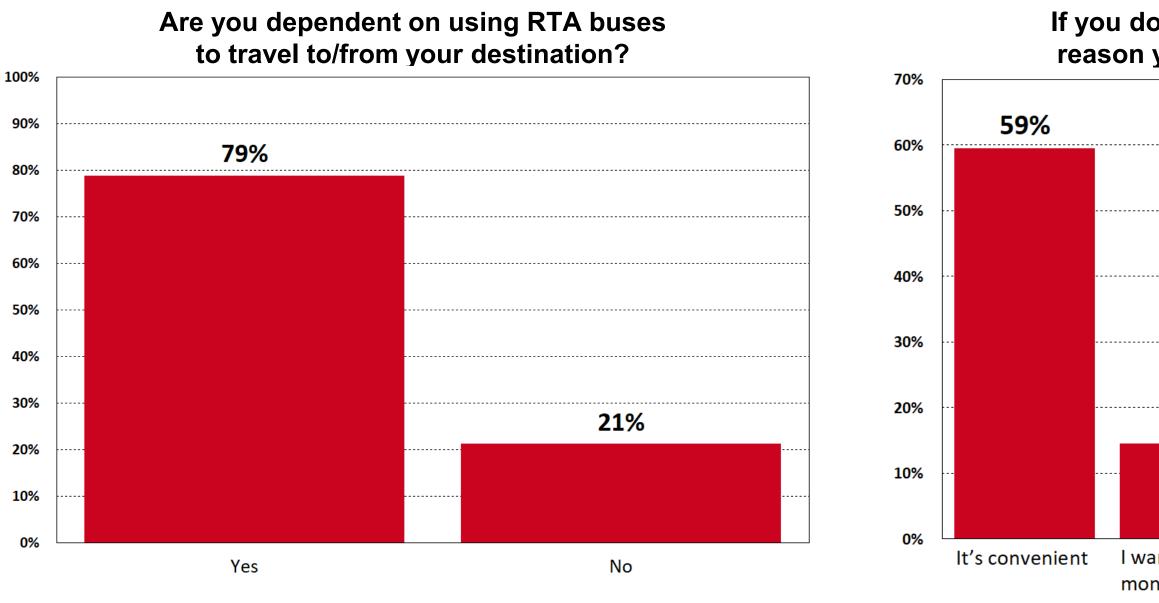
• The typical FR customer is a Black/African American (56%) male (58%)





## **Transit Dependence and Choice Riders**

- 79% of FR customers are dependent on using RTA buses for travel.
- For FR customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" ullet(59%) is the primary reason for choosing to use RTA bus services.



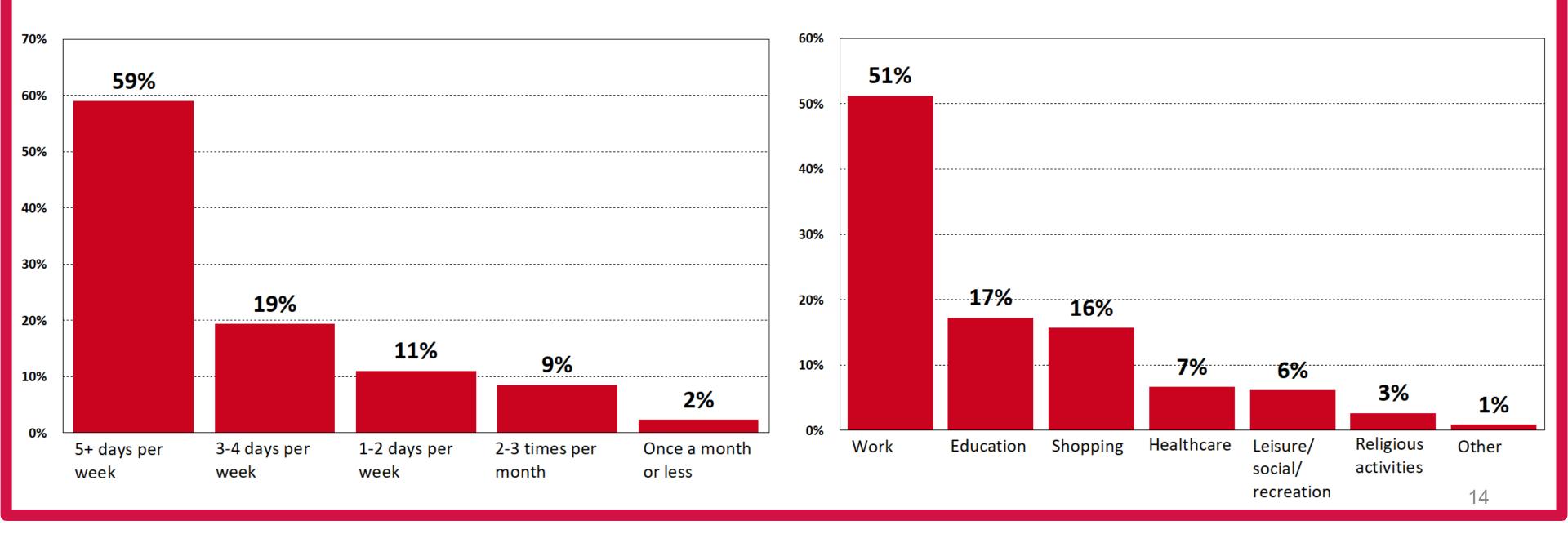


If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?

15%	12%	8%	6%
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- FR customers most often ride the bus 5+ days per week (59%).
- FR customers most frequently ride the bus for work (51%) and education (17%).



How often do you ride the bus?

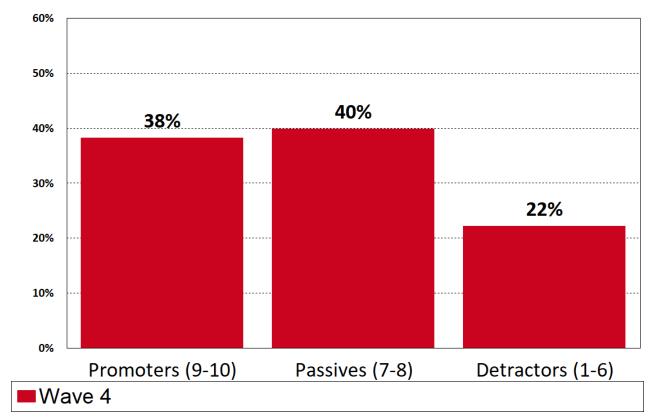


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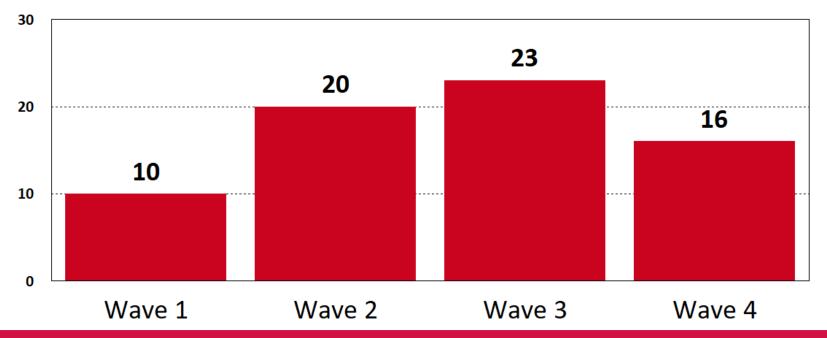
Why are you taking this trip?

### **Net Promoter Score (NPS)** *Fixed Route Bus*

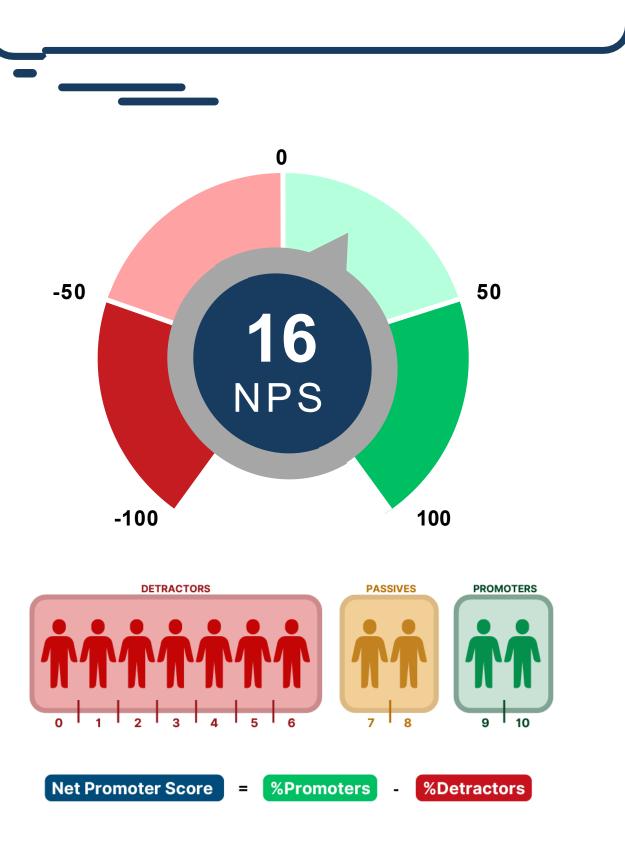
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**Net Promoter Score** 



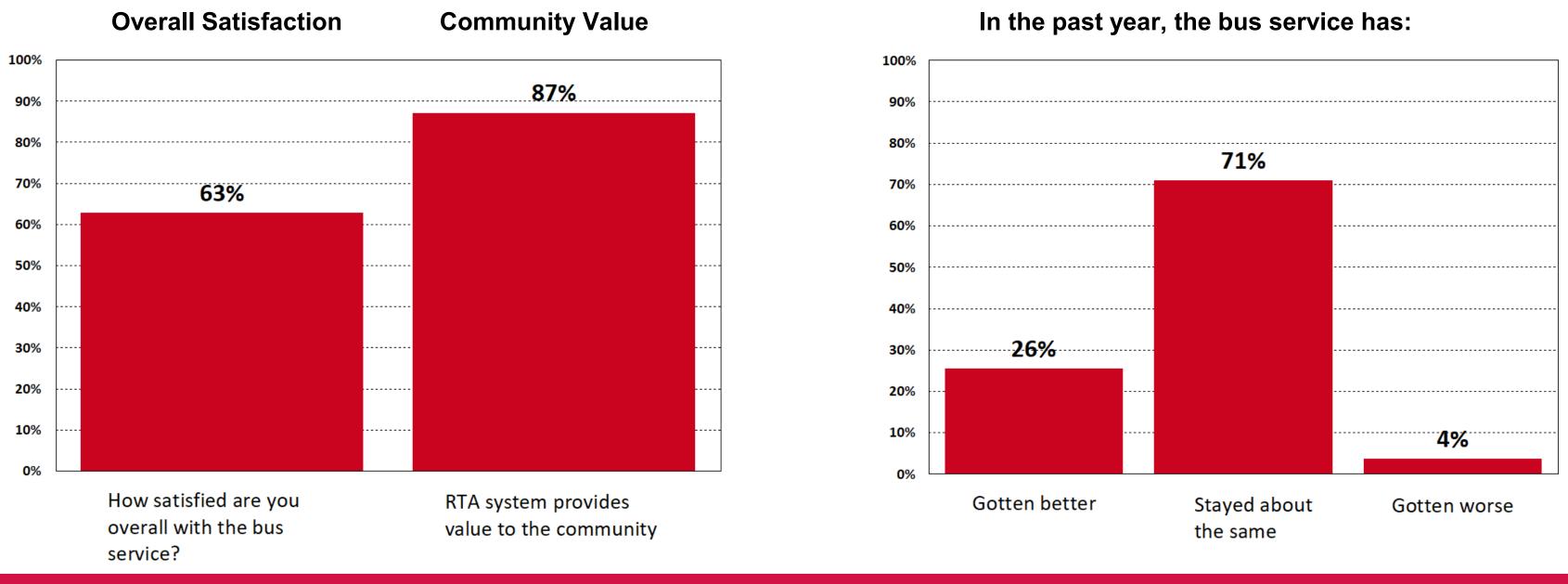
## RTA's FR NPS is down 7 points since Wave 3 from 23 to 16.





## **Satisfaction and Community Value**

- 63% of FR customers are satisfied overall with the bus service. ullet
- 87% of FR customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community. ullet
- 26% of FR customers believe the bus service has gotten better in the past year. ullet



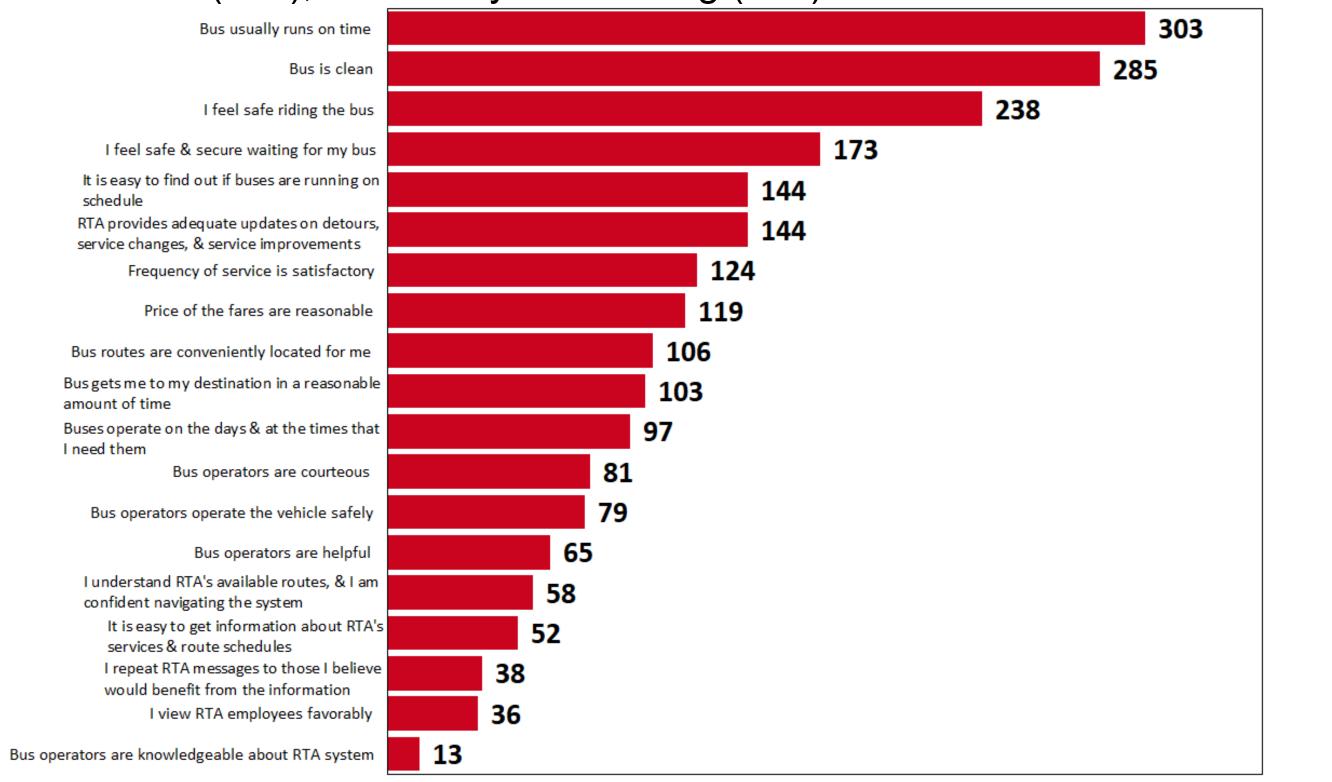


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# Customer Importance Factors Fixed Route Bus

## **Top Customer Importance Factors**

• The top three importance factors to FR customers are buses running on time (303), cleanliness (285), and safety while riding (238).

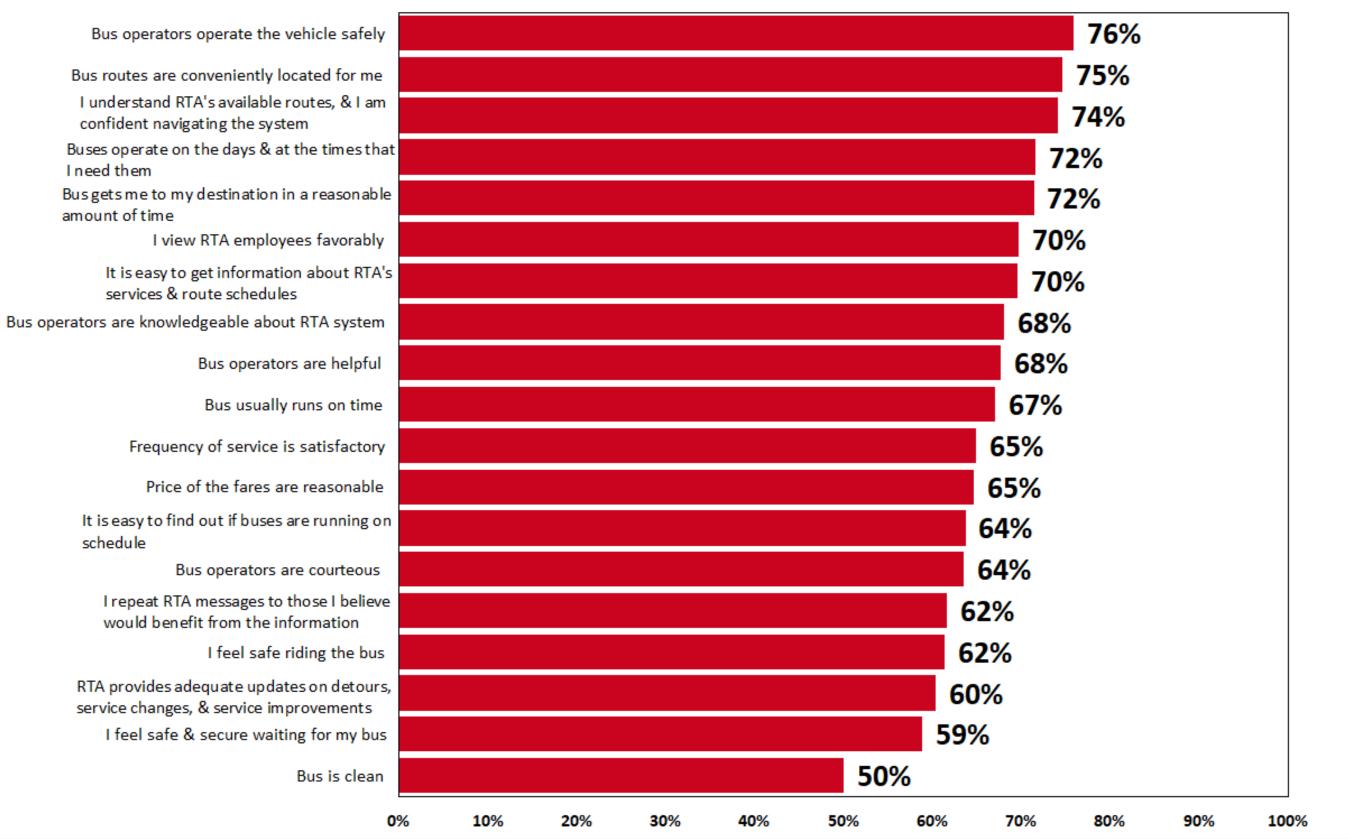




## Level of Agreement

FR

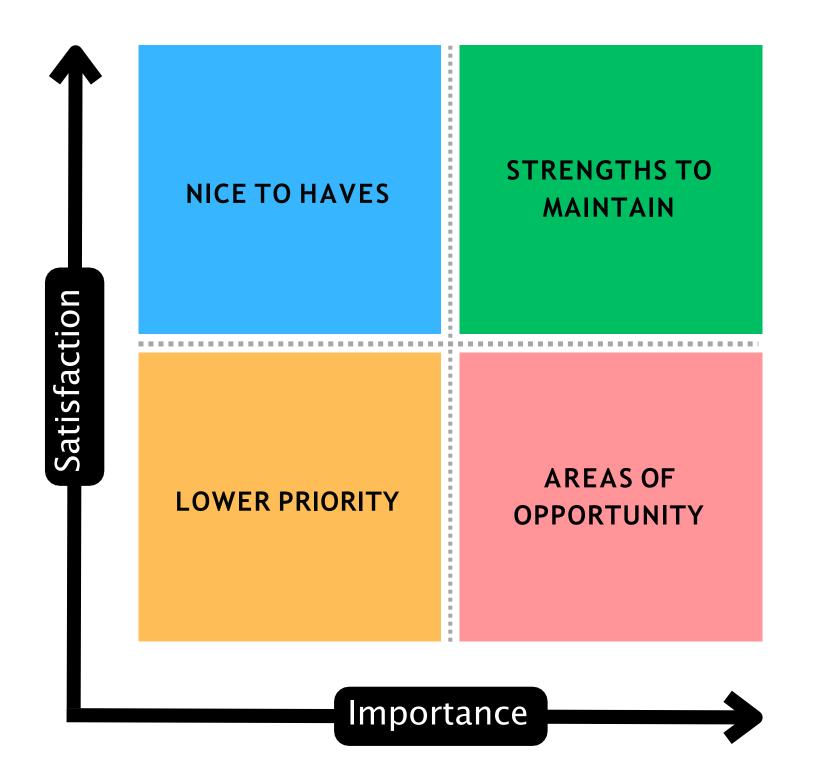
### **Fixed Route Bus**





## **Key Driver Analysis**

### **Satisfaction vs. Importance**



The Key Driver Analysis takes each area of service and compares its customer importance ranking against its customer satisfaction level. The graph is divided into four actional quadrants:

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- satisfaction is raised.



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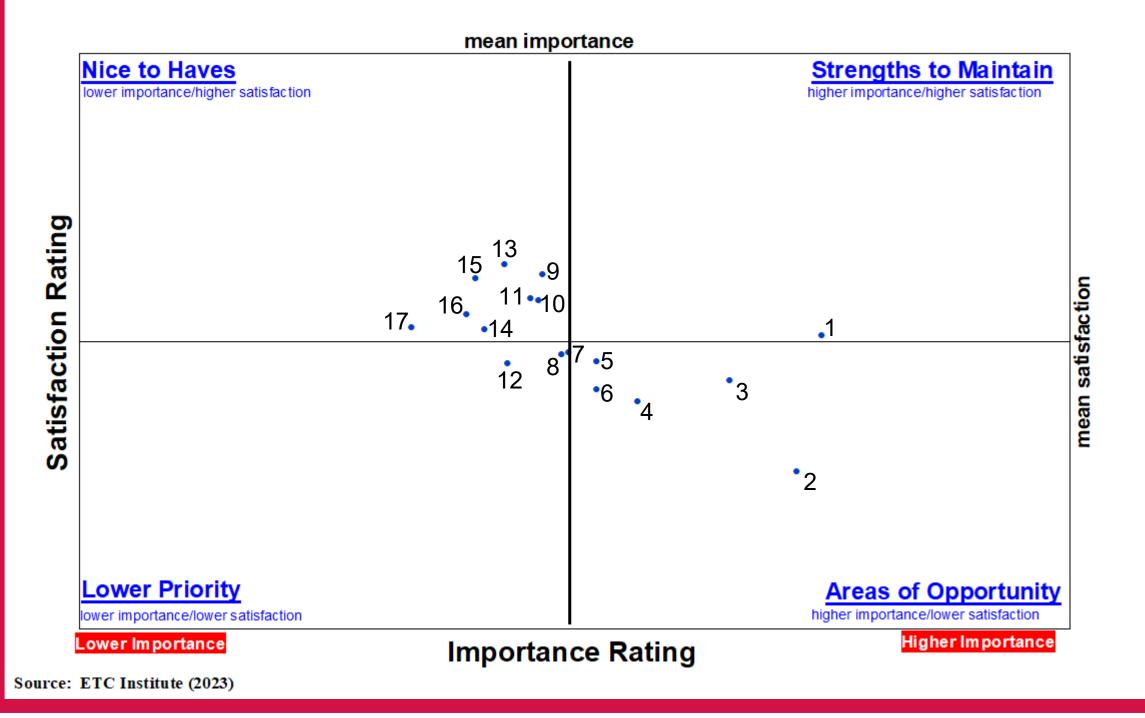
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3. Areas of Opportunity - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. These areas are ranked as highly important to customers and will have a larger impact on overall customer satisfaction as the service is improved and

4. Strengths to Maintain - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Customers find these areas of high importance and are highly satisfied with the level of service. These satisfaction levels should be maintained in order to continue a positive overall customer satisfaction.

## **Key Driver Analysis**

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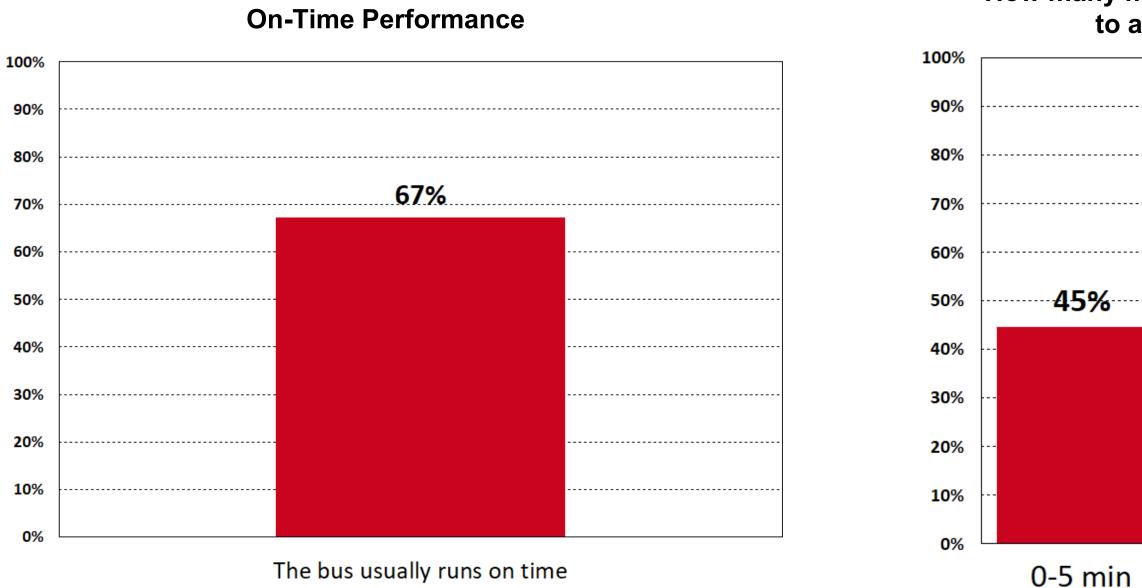
### Legend

- 1. Bus usually runs on time
- 2. Bus is clean
- 3. I feel safe riding the bus
- 4. I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus
- 5. It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule
- 6. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements
- 7. Frequency of service is satisfactory
- 8. Price of the fares is reasonable
- 9. Bus routes are conveniently located for me
- 10. Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
- 11. Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them
- 12. Bus operators are courteous
- 13. Bus operators operate the vehicle safely
- 14. Bus operators are helpful
- 15. I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system
- 16. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
- 17. Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system



## **On-Time Performance**

- 67% of FR customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
- 45% of FR customers believe it is acceptable for the bus to arrive 0 to 5 minutes beyond its scheduled time.





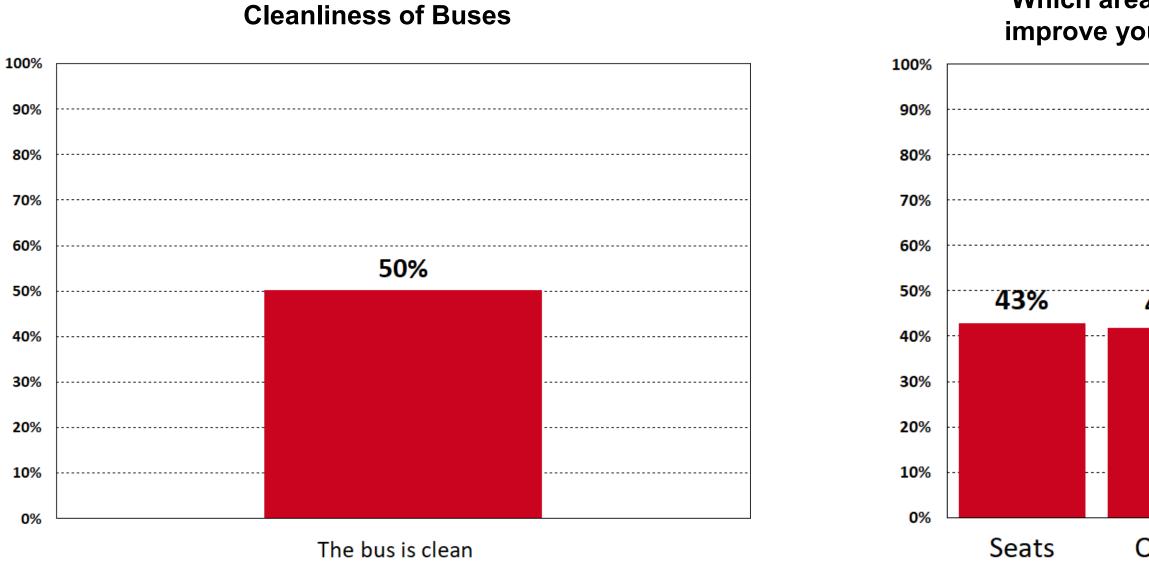
### Performance. bus to arrive 0 to 5 - minutes

How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a bus to arrive beyond its scheduled time?

	42%		
		10%	4%
	6-10 min	11-15 min	16+ min
			22



- 50% of FR customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of buses.  $\bullet$
- FR customers think focusing on seats (43%) and odors (42%) would improve their satisfaction with bus cleanliness. 18% of the write-in answers were "Floors."





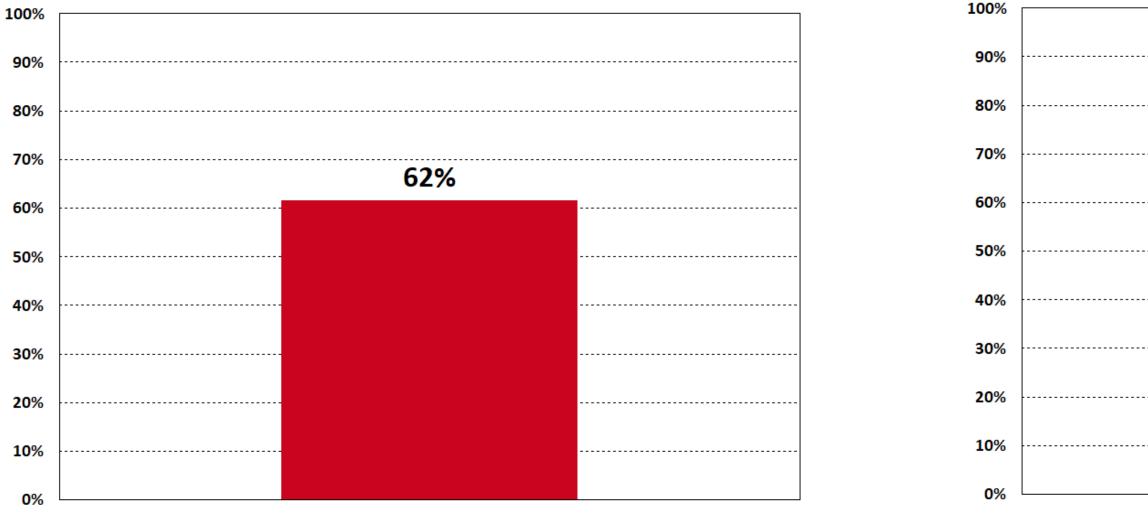
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Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to improve your satisfaction with bus cleanliness?

42%			
	12%	10%	8%
Odors	Inside windows	Outside windows	Other



 62% of FR customers feel safe while riding the bus and 59% of FR customers feel safe while waiting for the bus.



### **Bus Safety**

I feel safe riding the bus



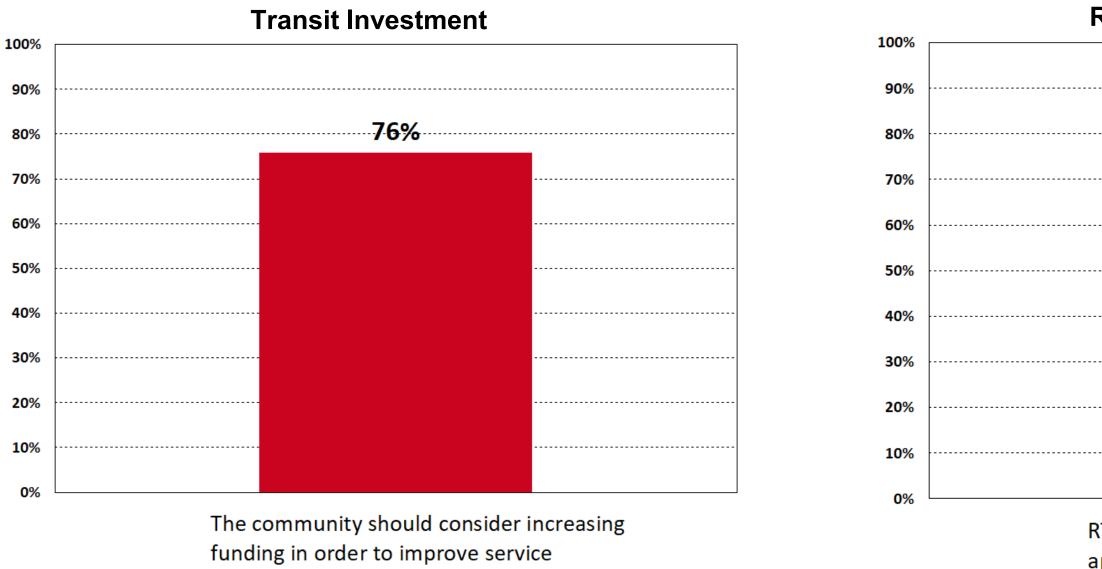
### **Bus Stop Safety**

 59%	

I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus



- 76% of FR customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 47% of FR customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately





### **Resource Management**

47%	

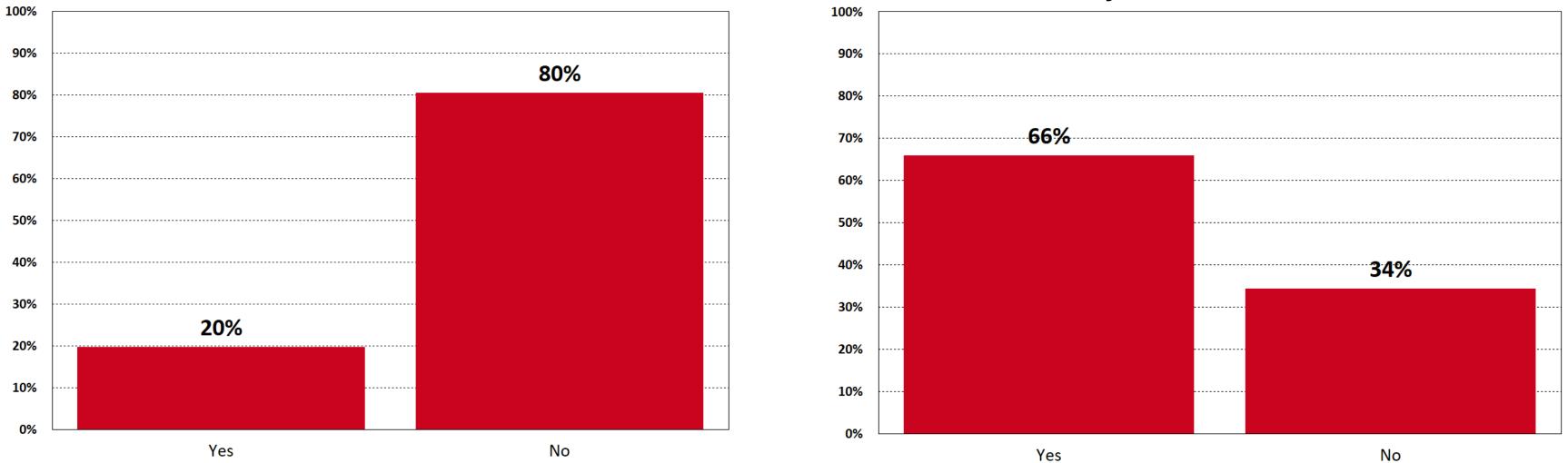
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# Customer Service Fixed Route Bus

# **Communications with Customer Service**

- 20% of FR Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months.
- Of the FR Customers who have contacted RTA, 66% have had their issues  $\bullet$ resolved.

### Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?

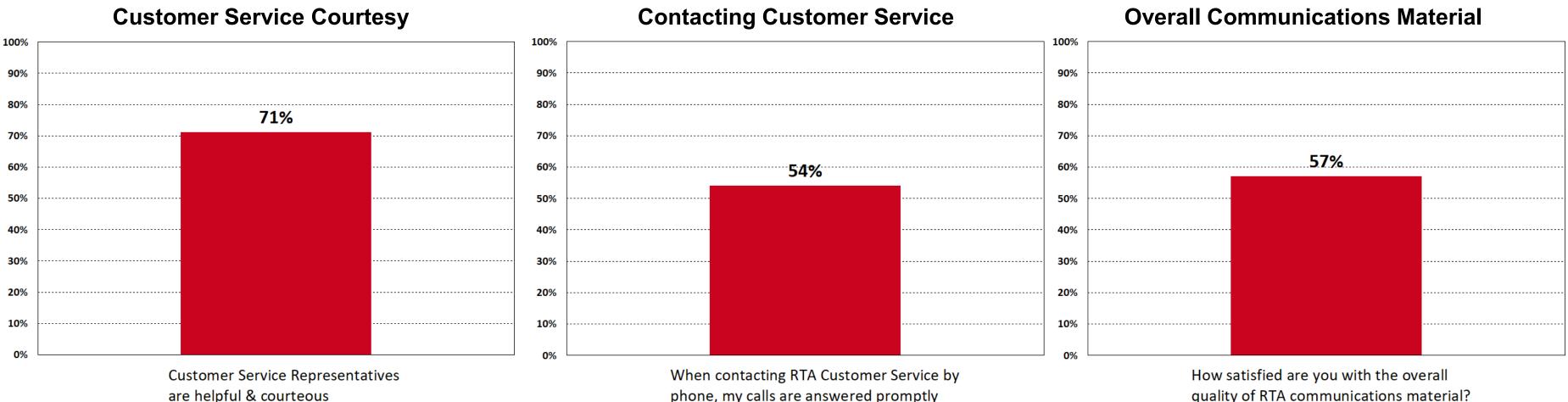




### Was your issue resolved?

## **Overall Communications**

- 57% of FR customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material. •
- 54% of FR customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and 71% ulletagree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.





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guality of RTA communications material?

# Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)



## **BRT Results Overview**

63% of BRT customers are satisfied with BRT service. 71% of customers think Customer Service Representatives are helpful and courteous.

Customers are MOST satisfied with...





Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them (77%)

Bus routes are conveniently located for me (74%)

### Customers are LEAST satisfied with...





Cleanliness of buses (47%)

Safety waiting for the bus (55%)



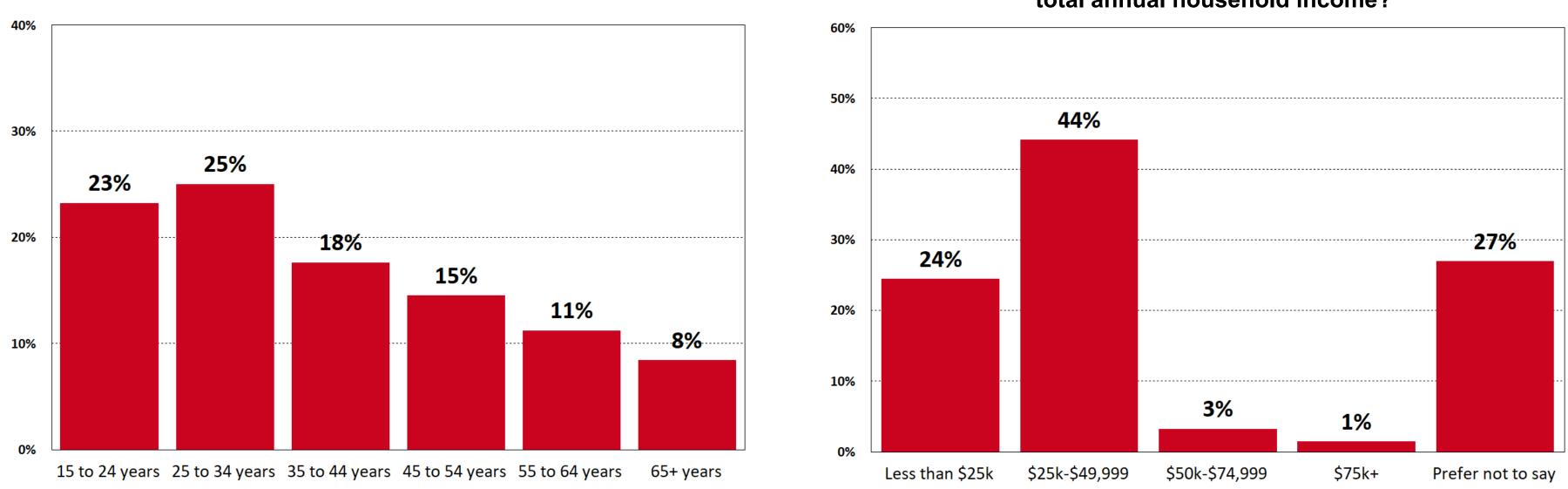
### Top Most Important **Elements of BRT Service to** Customers...

- 1. On-time performance
- 2. Bus cleanliness
- 3. Safety while riding
- 4. Safety while waiting for the bus

# **Customer Characteristics** Bus Rapid Transit



• The typical age of a BRT rider is between 25 to 34 years (25%) with a total household income between \$25k-\$49,999 (44%).



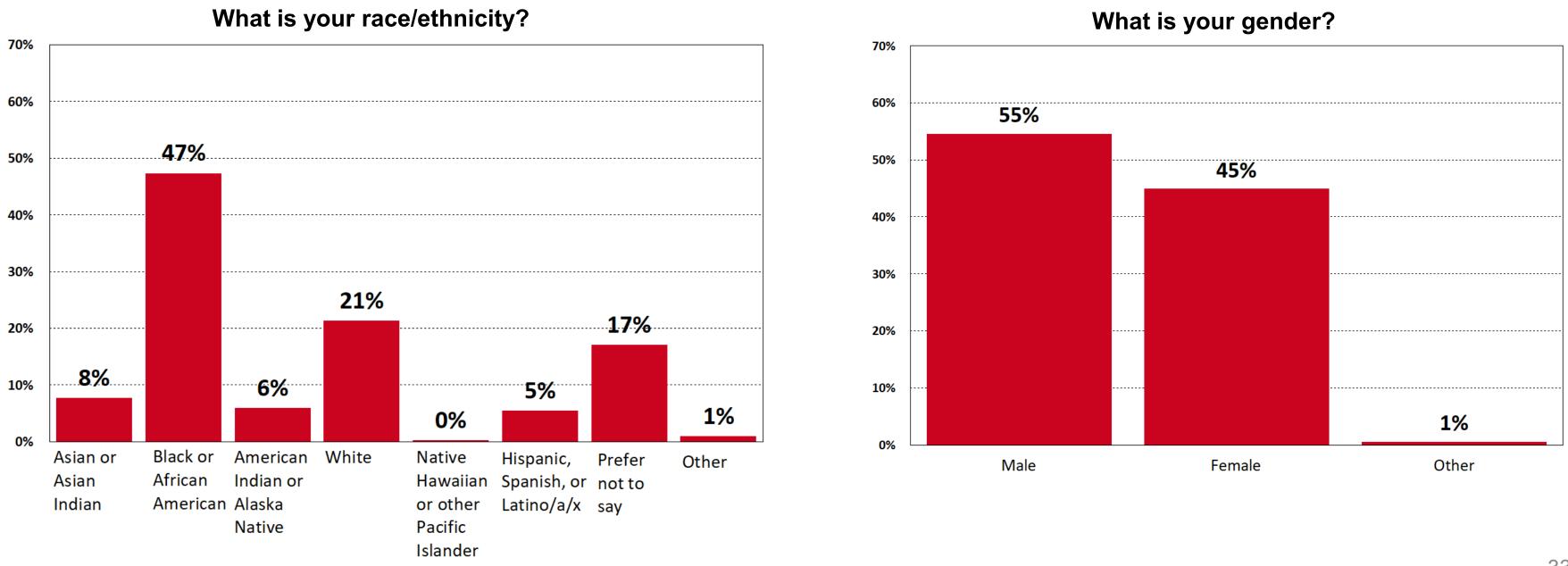
What is your age?



### What category best describes your total annual household income?



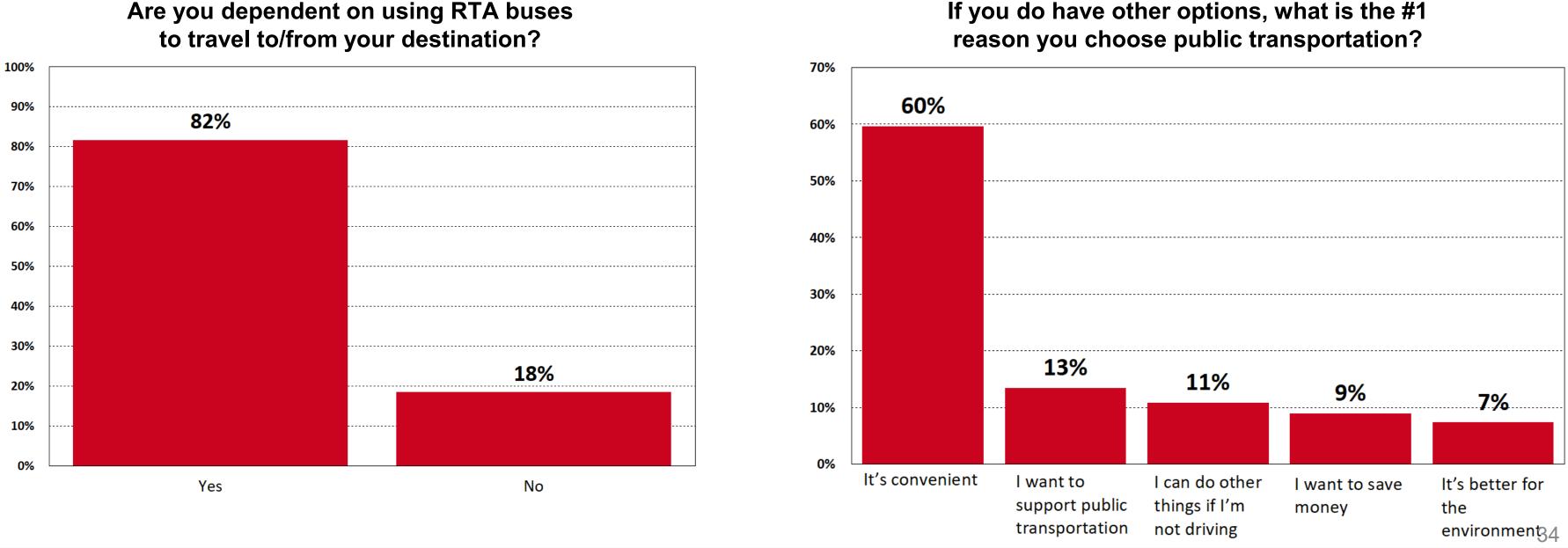
• The typical BRT customer is a Black/African American (47%) male (55%).





## **Transit Dependence and Choice Riders**

- 82% of BRT Customers are dependent on RTA buses for travel.
- Of the 18% of BRT Customers who have other transportation options, "It's • convenient" (60%) is the primary reason for choosing to use RTA bus services.

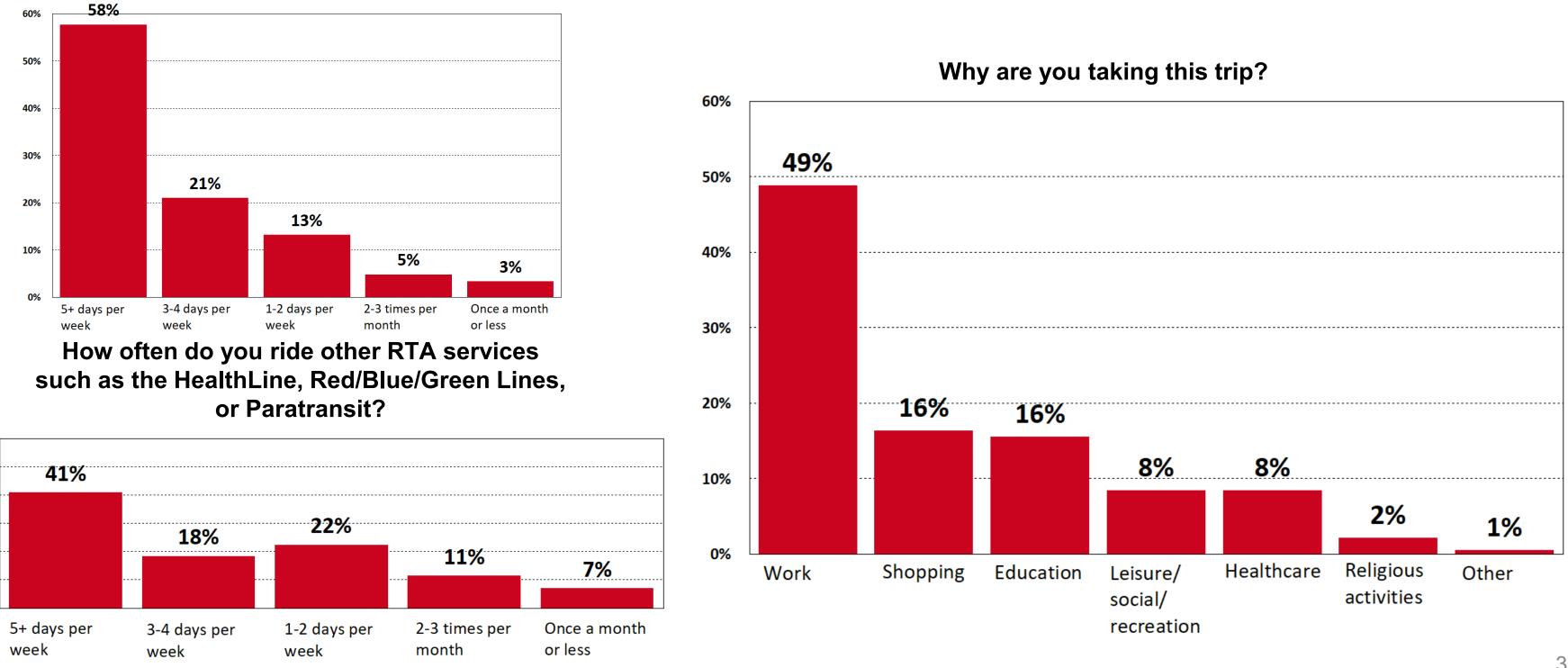




If you do have other options, what is the #1

### **Trip Frequency and Purpose**

BRT customers most often ride the bus 5+ days per week (58%) and most frequently ride the bus for work (49%).



How often do you ride the bus?

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

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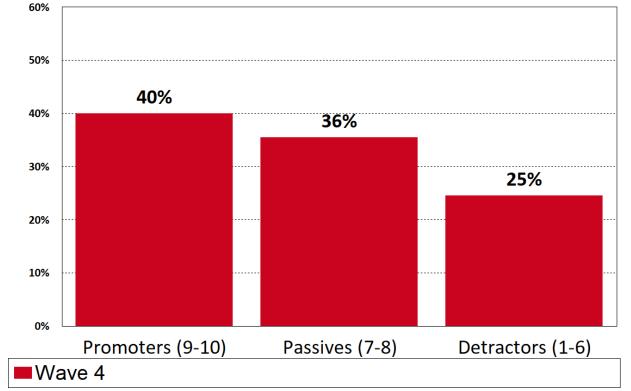


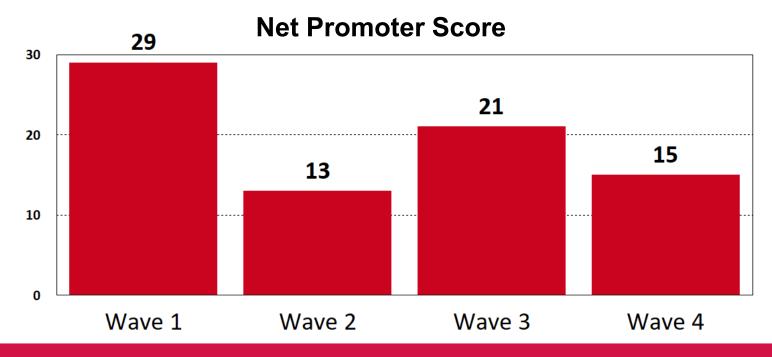
## Net Promoter Score (NPS)

### Bus Rapid Transit

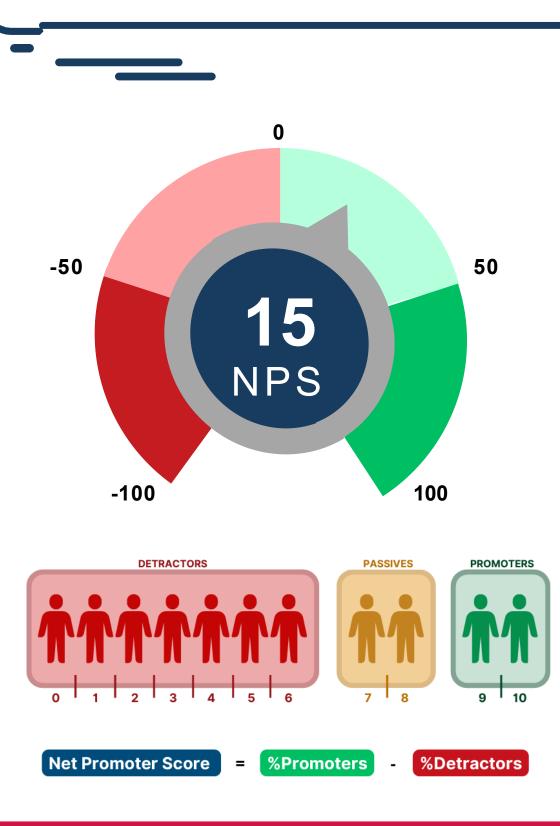
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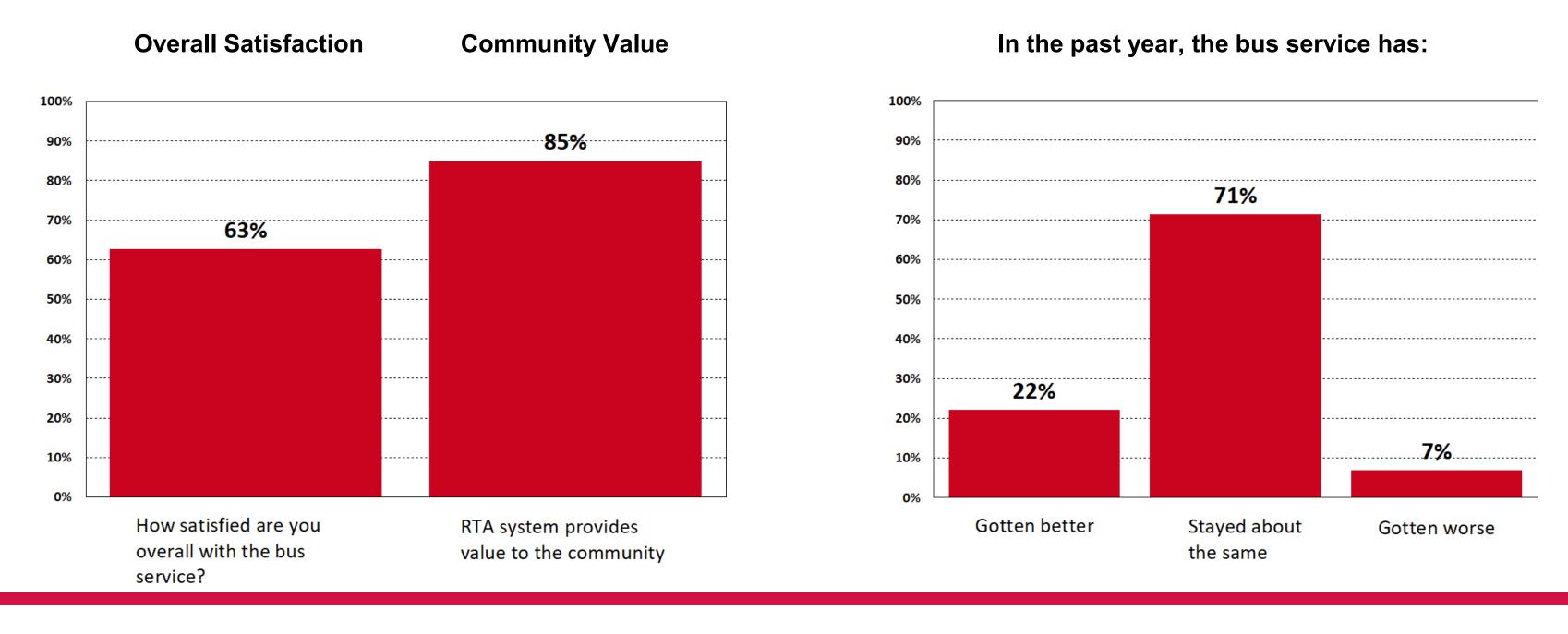
RTA's BRT NPS is down six points since Wave 3 from 21 to 15.



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## **Satisfaction and Community Value**

- 63% of BRT customers are satisfied overall with the bus service.  $\bullet$
- 85% of BRT customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community. 22% of BRT customers believe the bus service has gotten better in the past year.





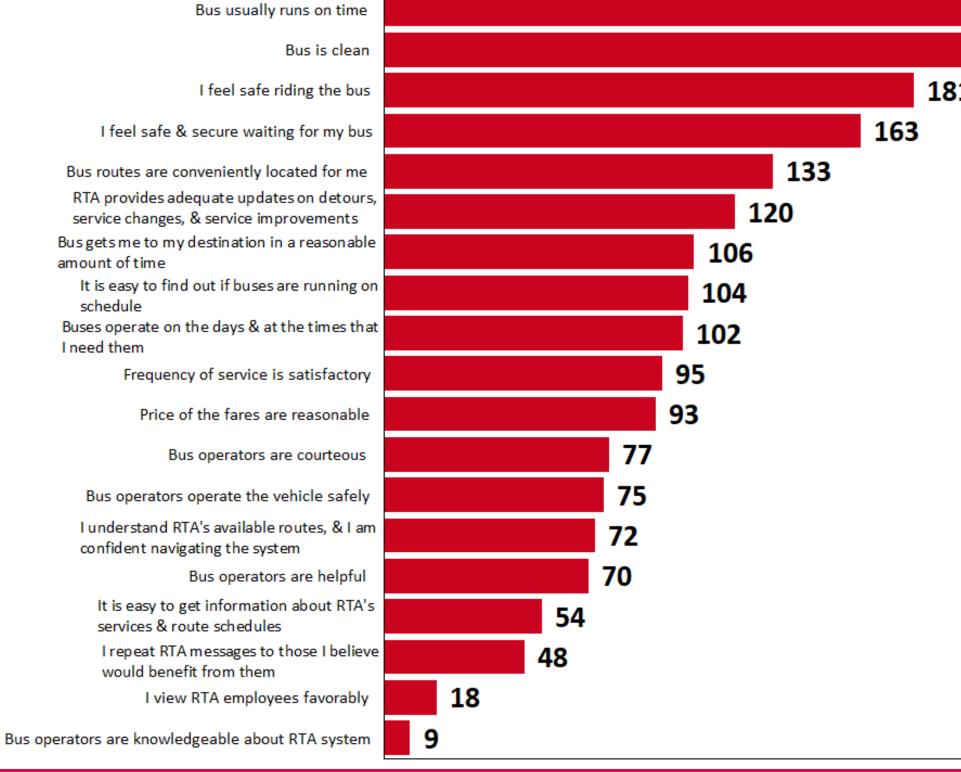
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# Customer Importance Factors Bus Rapid Transit

## **Top Customer Importance Factors**

The top three importance factors to BRT customers are buses running ulleton time (267), cleanliness (206), and feeling of safety while riding (181).

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	206			
81				

# BRT

## Level of Agreement

BRT

Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them

Bus routes are conveniently located for me

Bus operators operate the vehicle safely

I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system

Bus operators are knowledgeable about the system

Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time

Bus usually runs on time

Bus operators are helpful

It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules

Frequency of service is satisfactory

Price of the fares are reasonable

I view RTA employees favorably

Bus operators are courteous

It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule

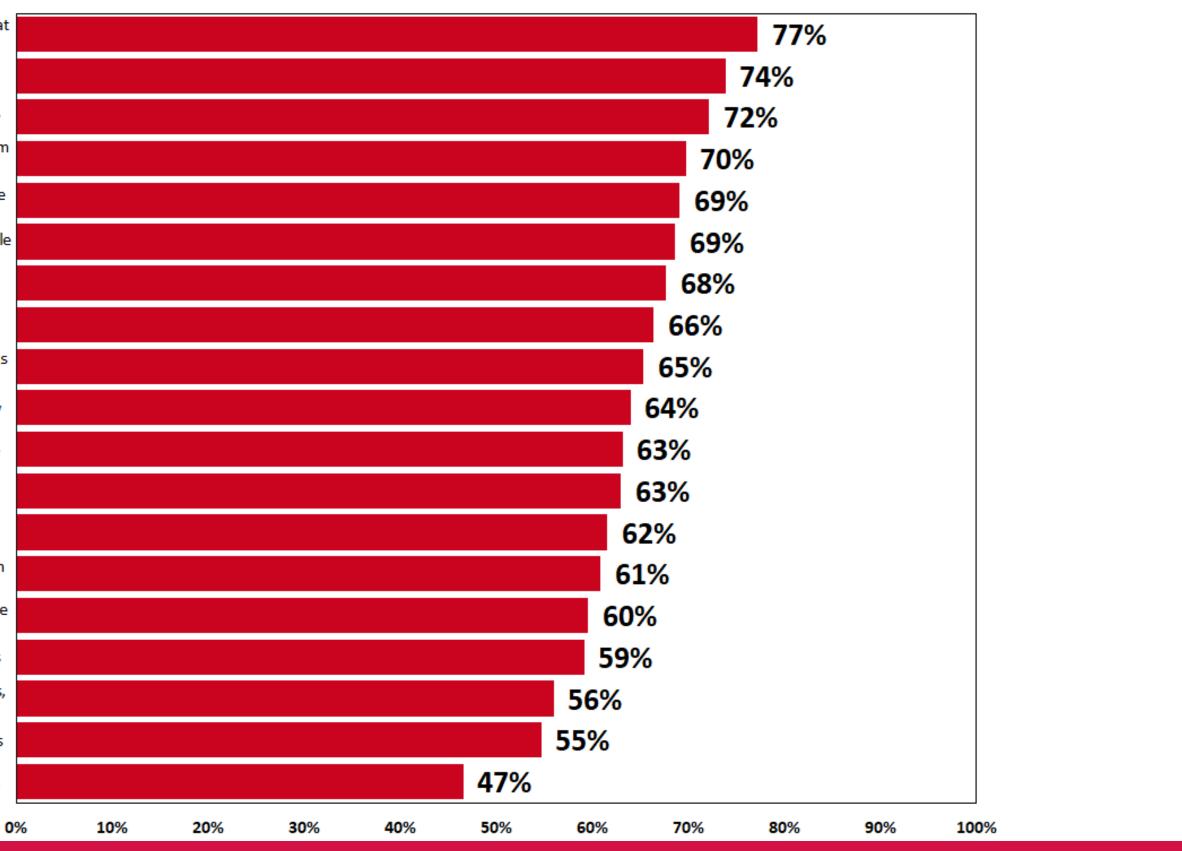
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information

I feel safe riding the bus

RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements

I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus

Bus is clean

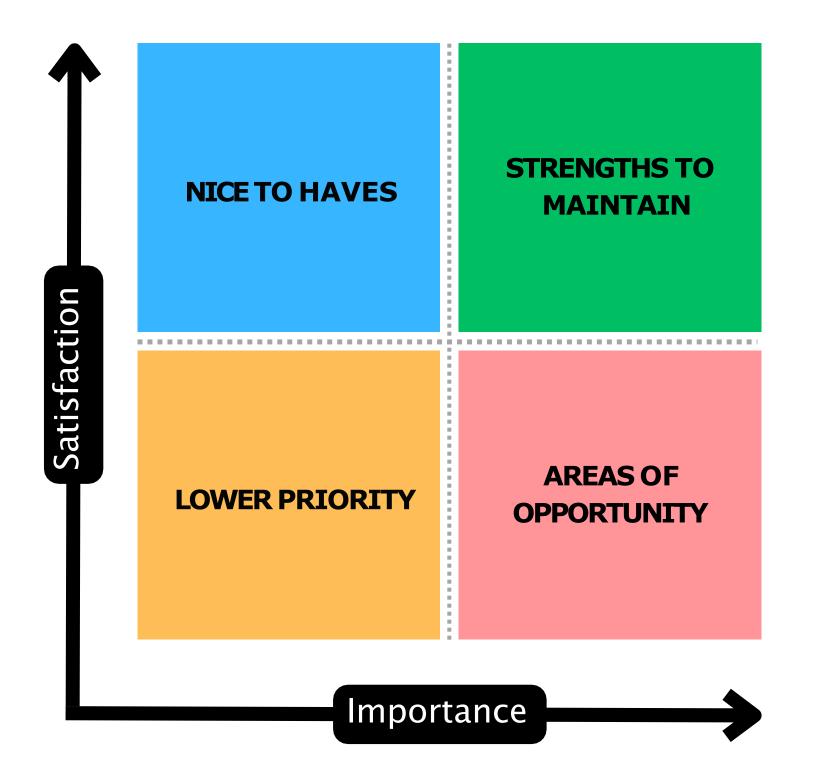




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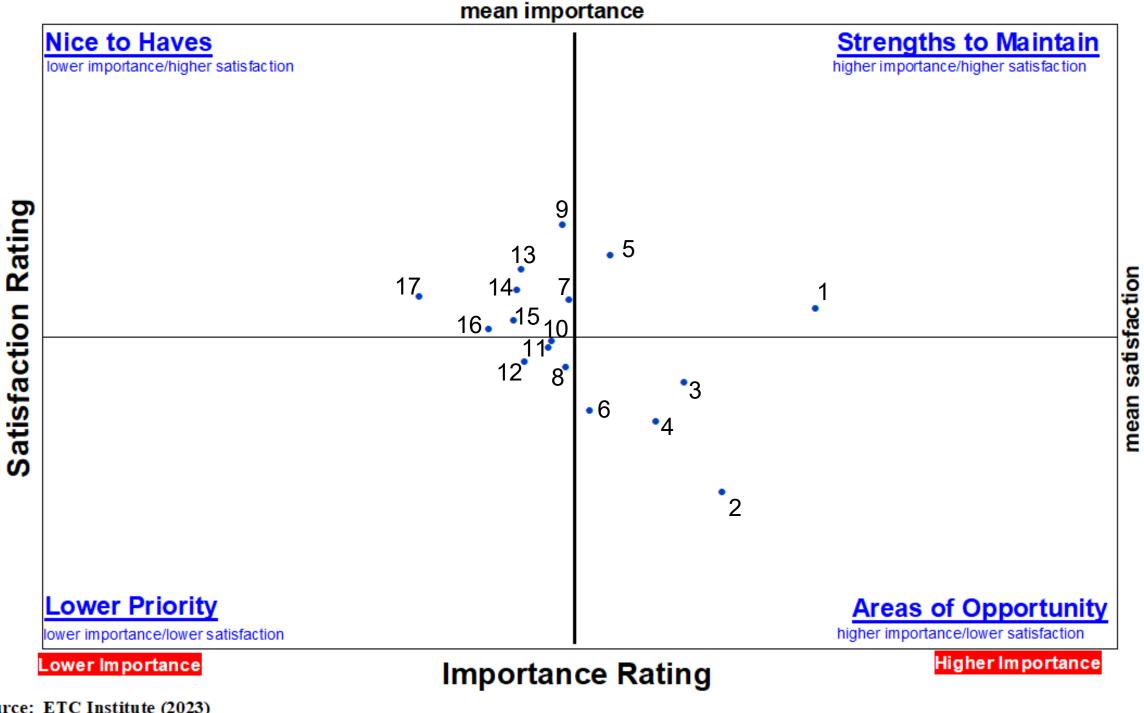
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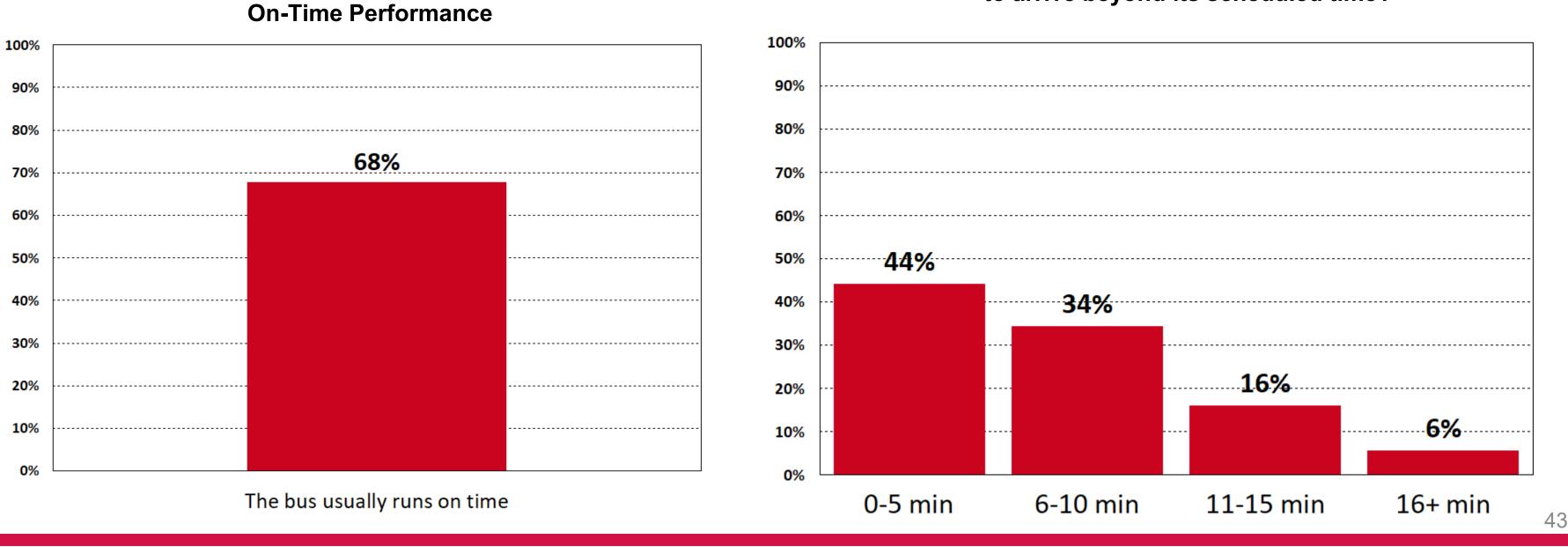
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- 2. Bus is clean
- 3. I feel safe riding the bus
- 4. I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus
- Bus routes are conveniently located for me
- 6. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements
- 7. Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
- 8. It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule
- 9. Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them
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- 16. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
- 17. Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system



## **On-Time Performance**

- 68% of BRT customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
- 44% of BRT customers believe it is acceptable for the bus to arrive 0 to 5-minutes beyond its scheduled time.





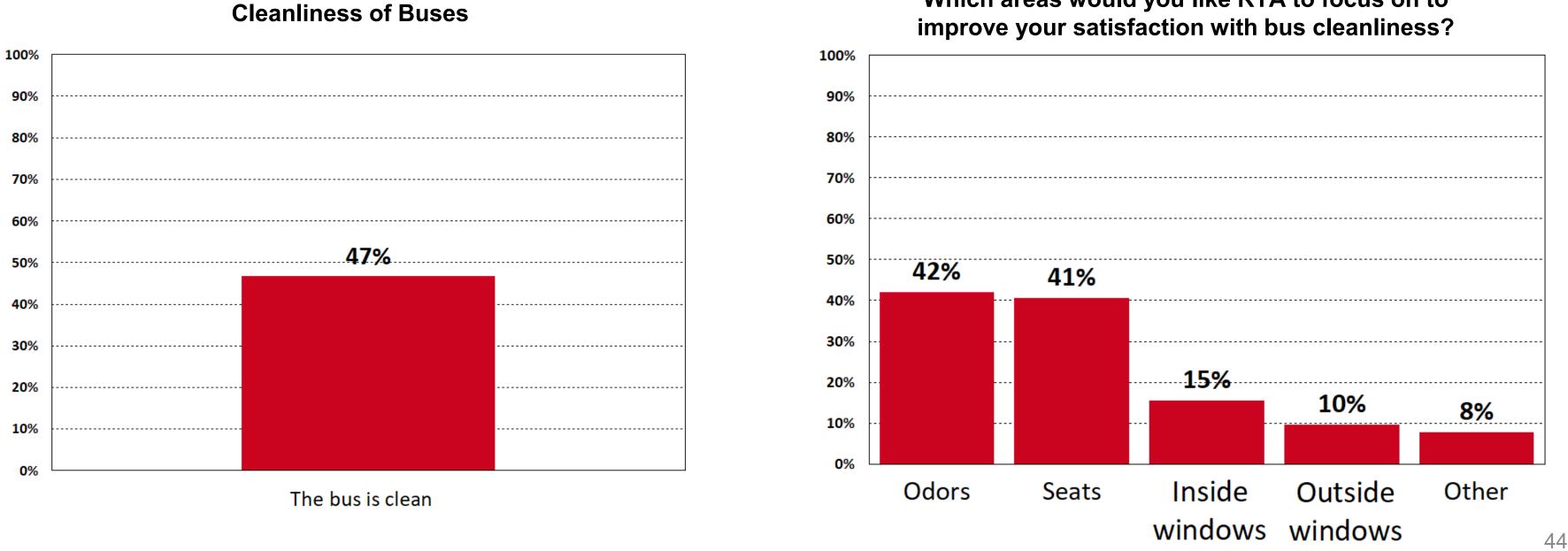
### ne Performance. ne bus to arrive 0 to 5-minutes

How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a bus to arrive beyond its scheduled time?



## **Cleanliness of Buses**

- 47% of BRT customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of buses.  $\bullet$
- BRT customers think focusing on odors (42%) and seats (41%) would improve their satisfaction with bus cleanliness. 30% of write-in answers were "Floors."



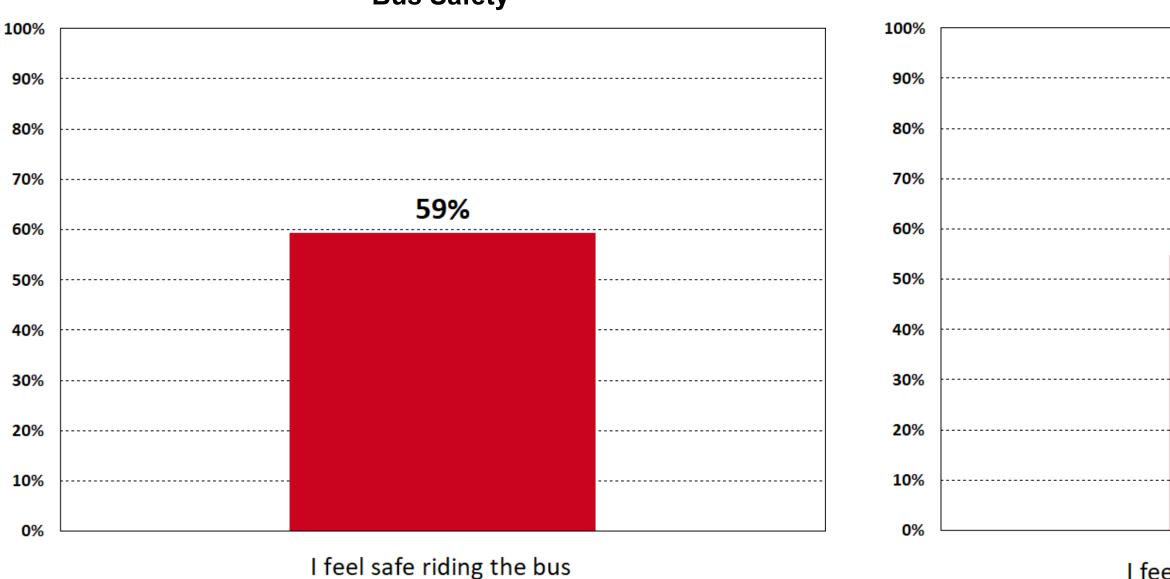


Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to



## **Bus and Bus Stop Safety**

• 59% of BRT customers feel safe while riding the bus, and 55% feel safe while waiting for the bus.



### **Bus Safety**



### **Bus Stop Safety**

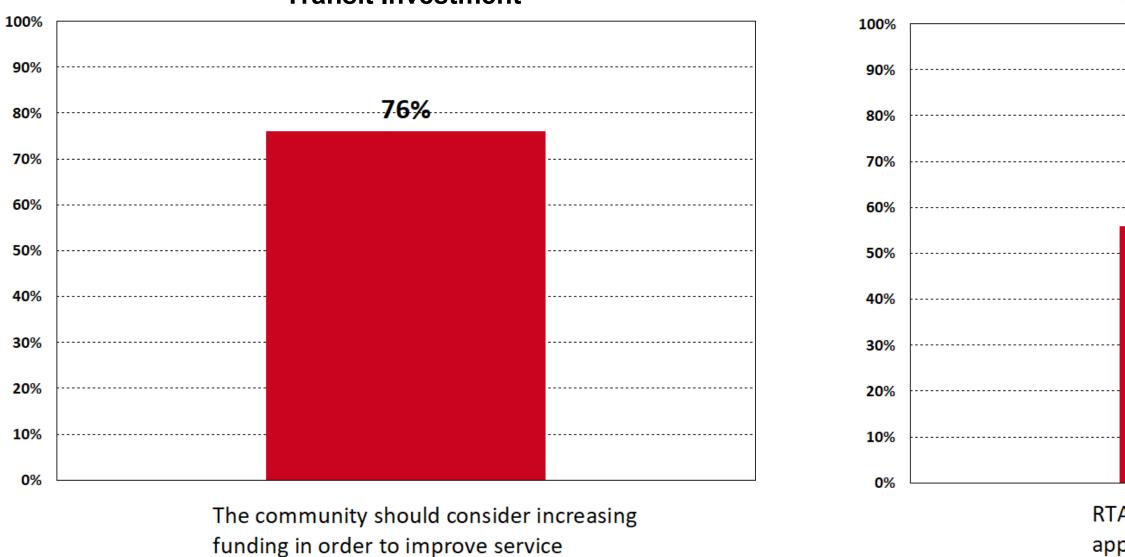
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### I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus



## Funding

- 76% of BRT customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 56% of BRT customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately



### **Transit Investment**



### **Resource Management**

56%	

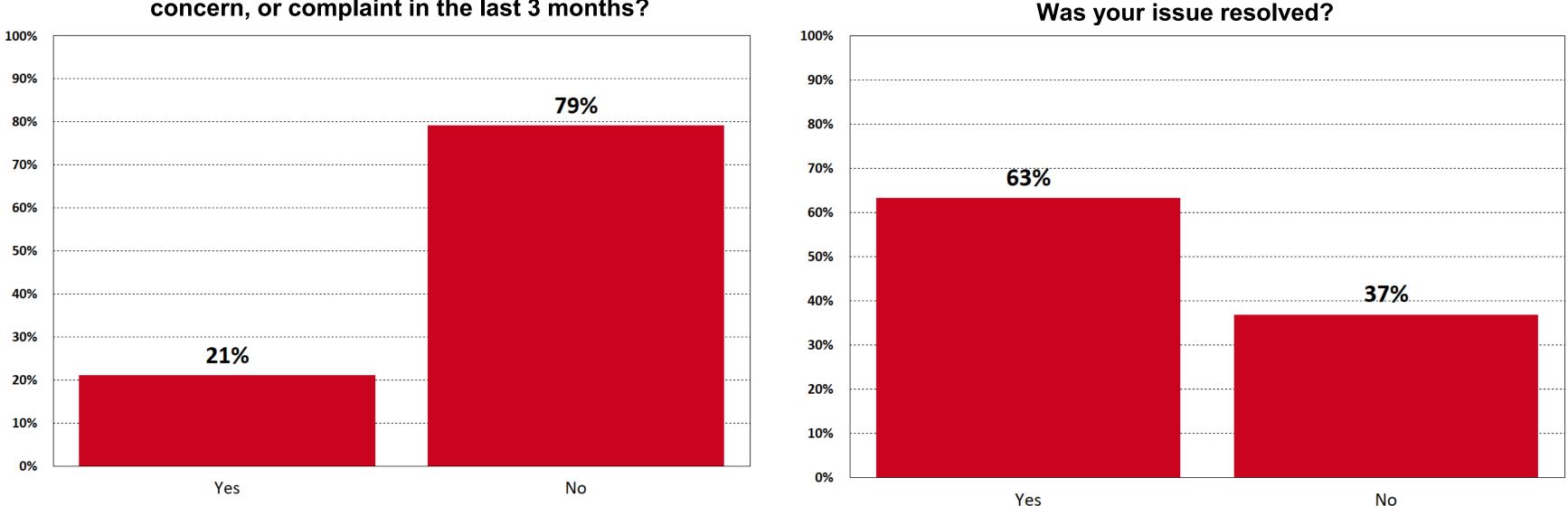
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# Customer Service Bus Rapid Transit

## **Communications with Customer Service**

- 21% of BRT Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months. •
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### Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?

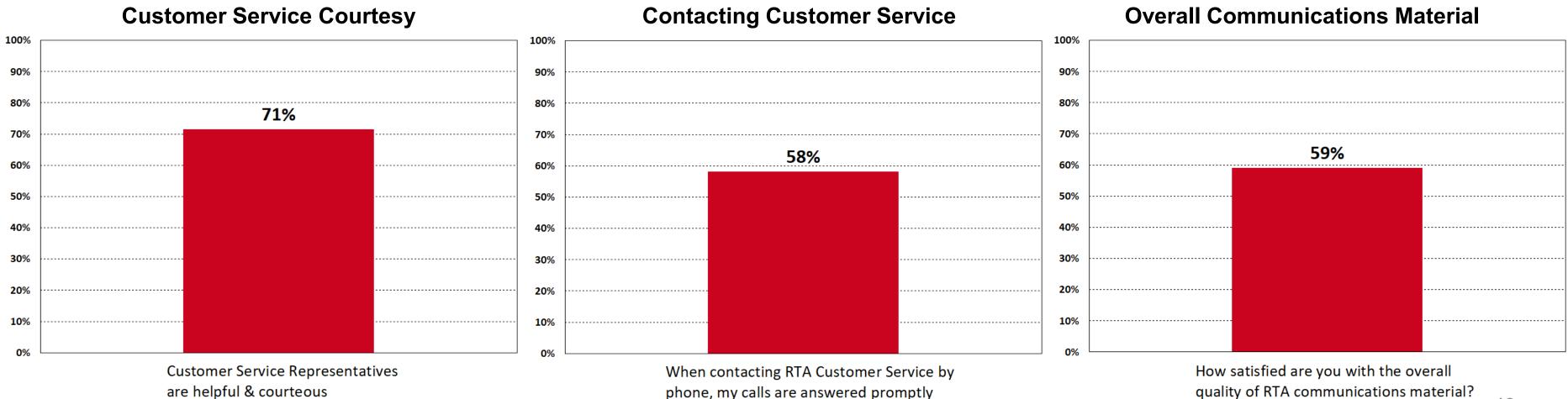




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## **Overall Communications**

- 59% of BRT customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications • material.
- 58% of BRT customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and ullet71% agree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.





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## **Rail Train Results Overview**

**2** out of 3 customers are satisfied with rail service. 74% of customers agree that the train usually runs on time.

### Customers are MOST satisfied with...





The train operators operate the vehicle safely (81%)

The train getting them to their destination in a

reasonable amount of time (80%)

### Customers are LEAST satisfied with...





Cleanliness (45%)

Feeling of safety waiting for the train



(57%)



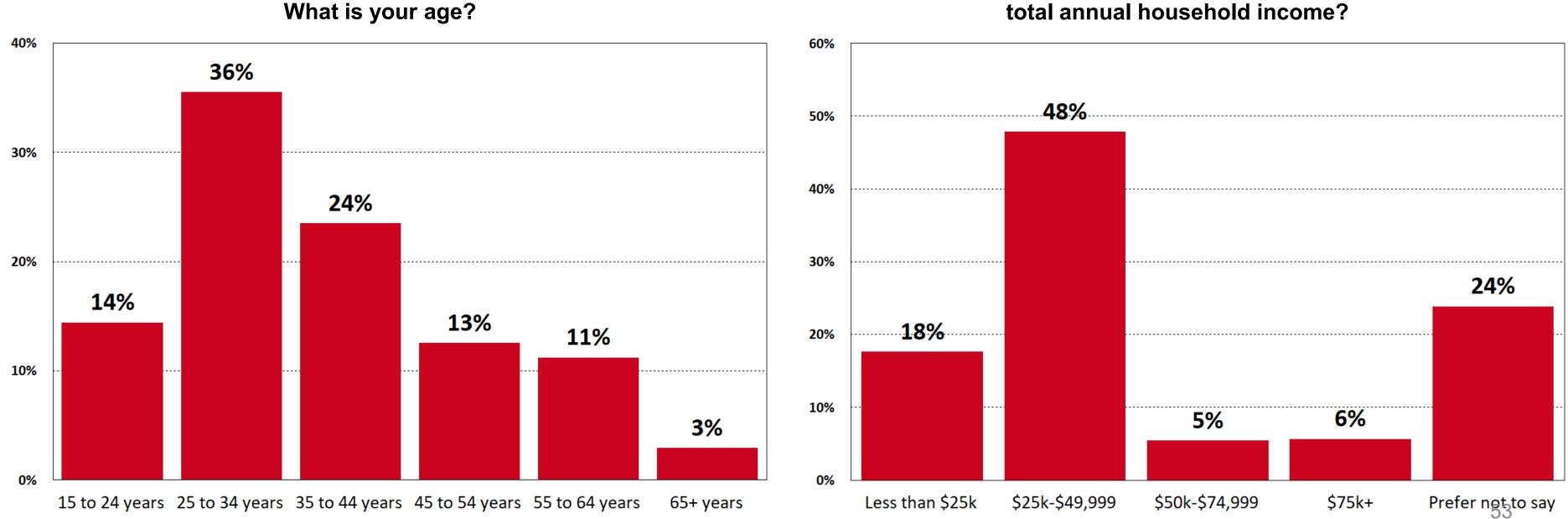
### Top Most Important **Elements of Rail Service to** Customers...

- 1. On-time performance
- Cleanliness
- 3. Safety while riding
- 4. Safety while waiting for the train

# **Customer Characteristics** Rail Train Service



- 36% of rail customers are between 25 and 34 years old. •
- 66% of rail customers make less than \$50,000. ullet

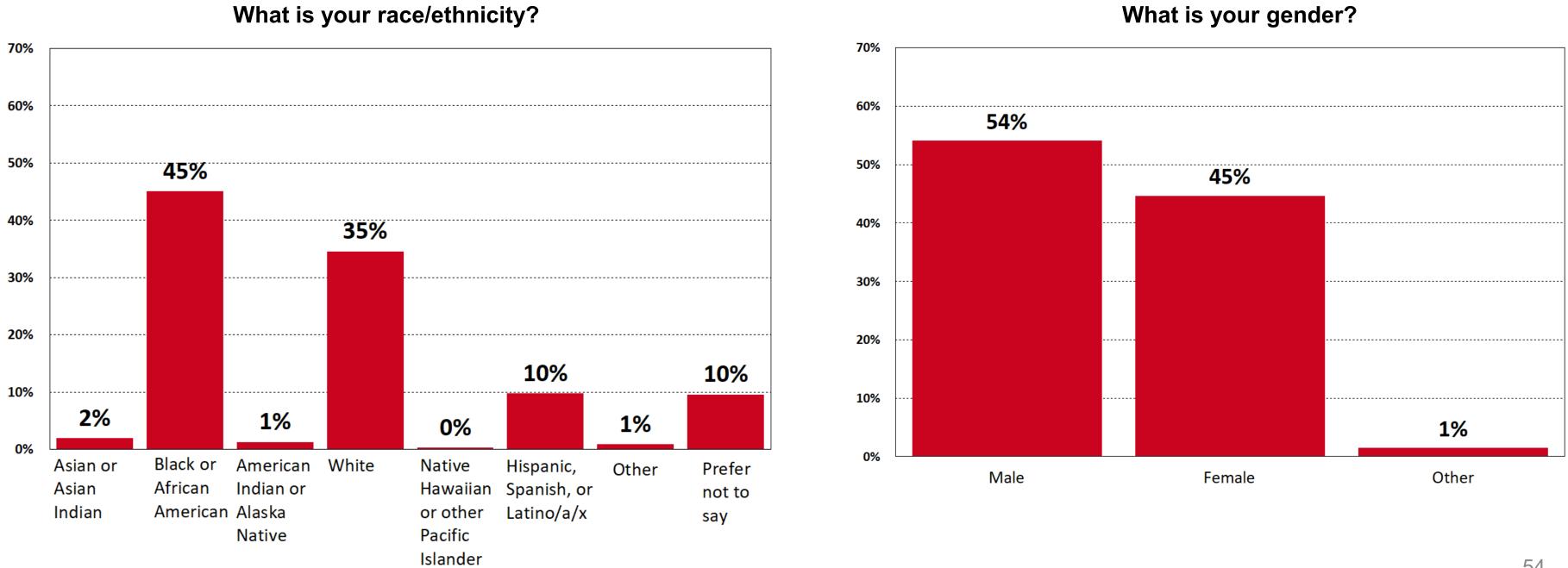




### What category best describes your total annual household income?



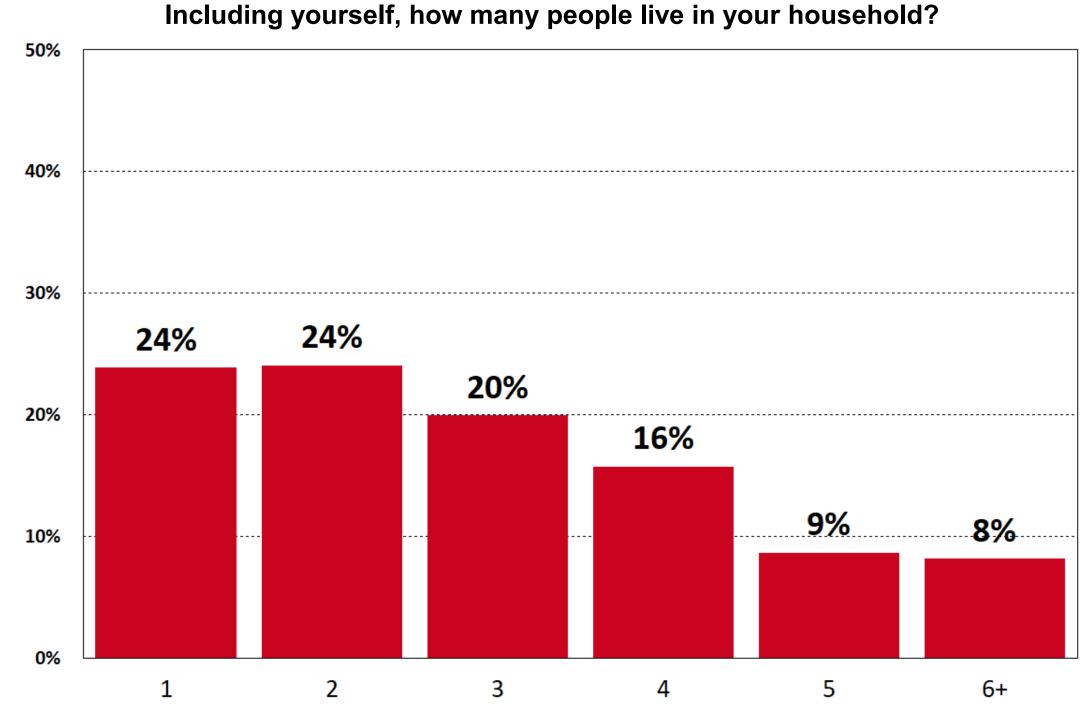
The typical rail customer is a Black/African American (45%) male (54%). •







The typical rail customer lives in a household with 2 or fewer people (48%). •

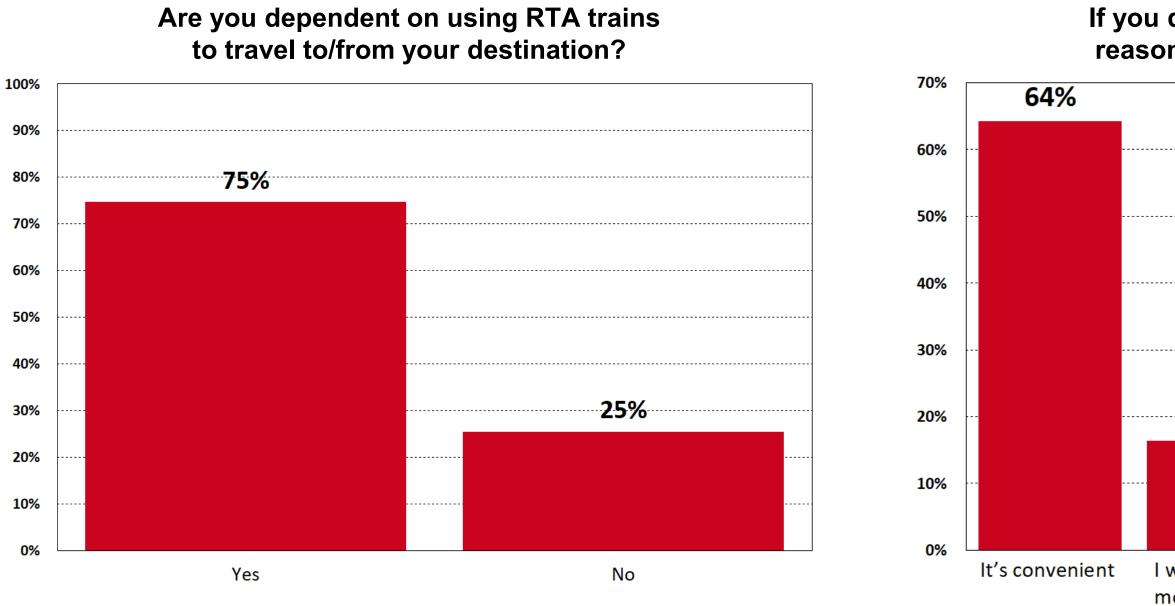




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## **Transit Dependence and Choice Riders**

- 75% of rail customers are dependent on using rail train for travel. ullet
- Of the rail customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" (64%) is the ulletprimary reason for choosing to use rail train services.

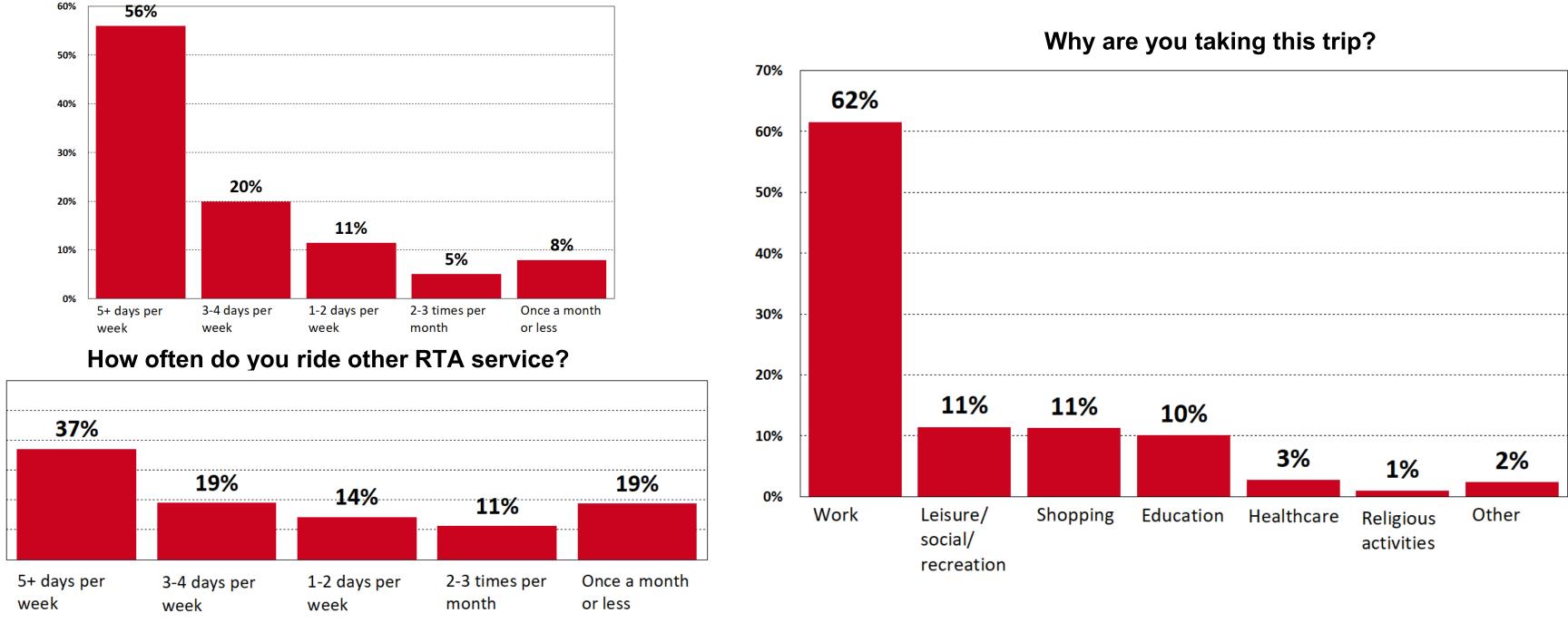


If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?

16%	9%	6%	5%
vant to save oney	l can do other things if l'm not driving	l want to support public transportation	lt's better for the environmen <u>5</u> 6

### **Trip Frequency and Purpose** RAIL

- Rail customers most often ride the rail 5+ days per week (56%), and 37% ride other RTA services 5+ days a week.
- Rail customers most frequently ride the rail for work (62%).  $\bullet$



How often do you ride the train?

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

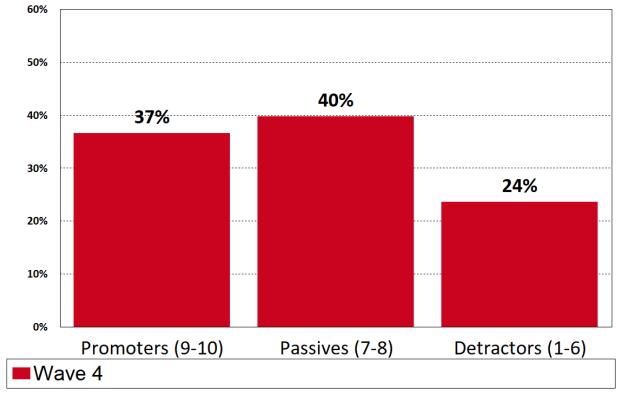
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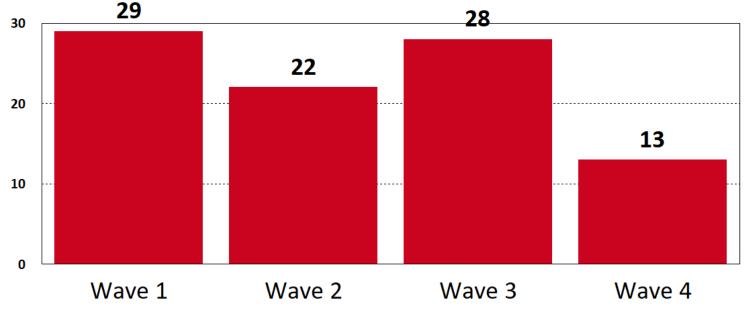


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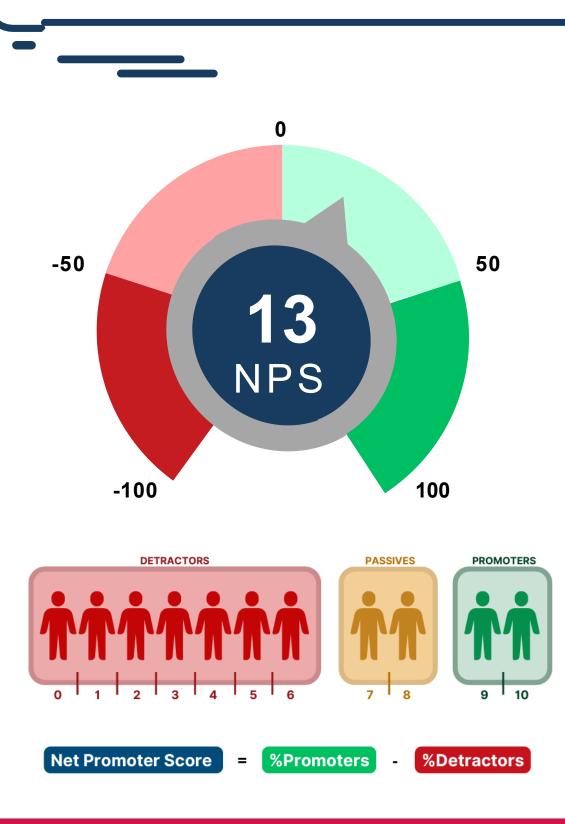
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### Net Promoter Score



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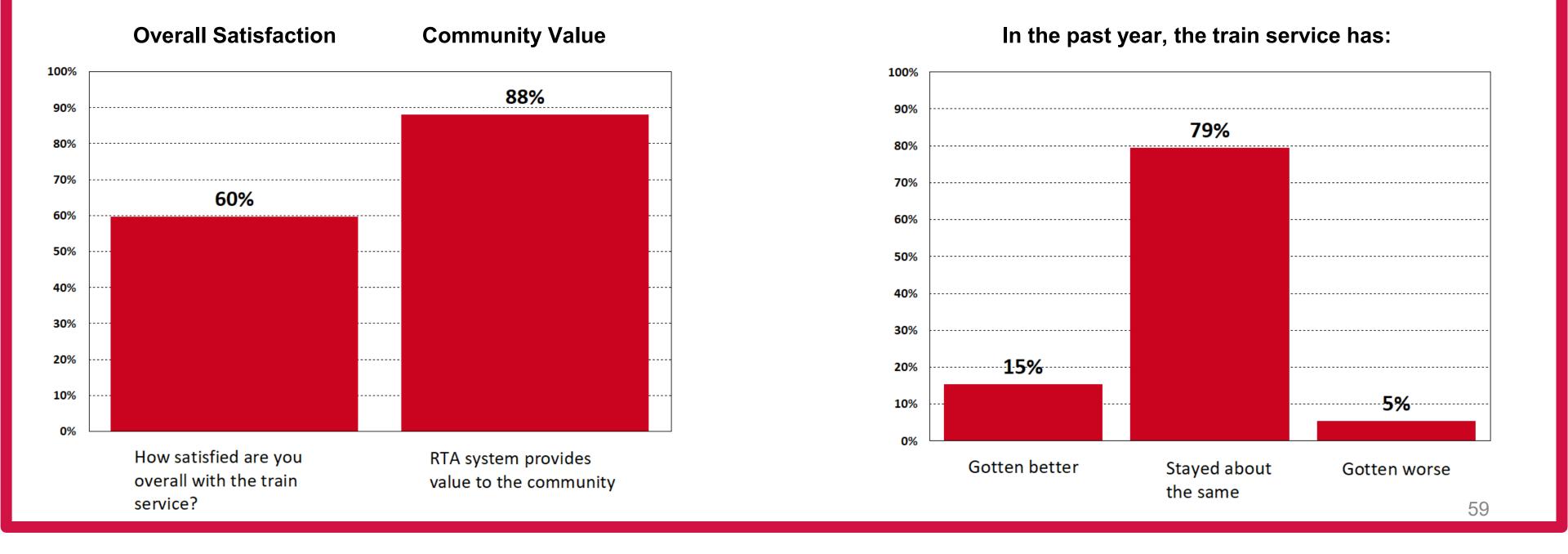


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# RAIL

## Satisfaction and Community Value

- 60% of Rail customers are satisfied overall with the train service.
- 88% of Rail customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community.
- 79% of Rail customers believe the bus service has stayed the same in the past year.



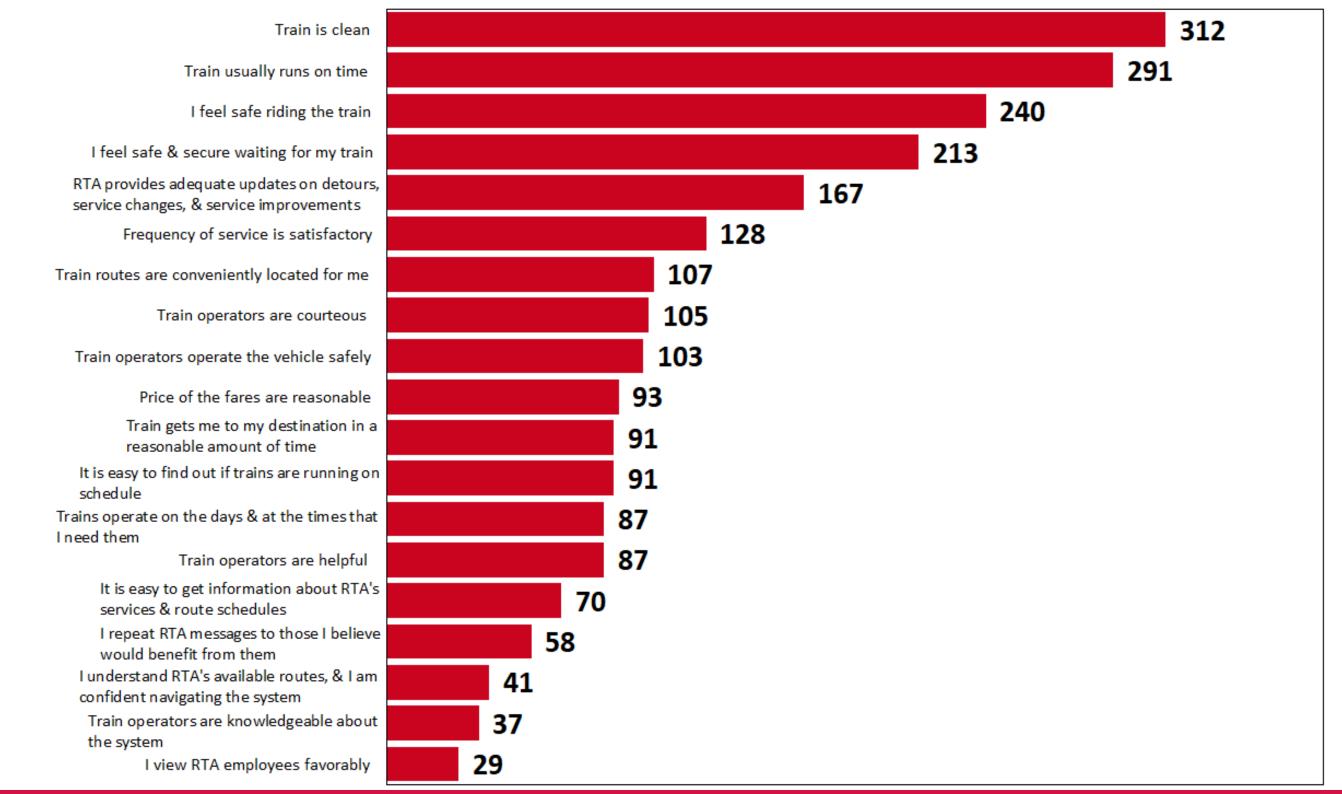
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# Customer Importance Factors Rail Train Service

## RAIL

## **Top Customer Importance Factors**

The top importance factors were cleanliness (312), trains running on time (291), ulletand safety while riding (240).







## Level of Agreement

RAIL

I need them

Train operators operate the vehicle safely Train routes are conveniently located for me I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system Trains operate on the days & at the times that Train usually runs on time Train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time Train operators are knowledgeable about the RTA system Frequency of service is satisfactory Train operators are helpful I view RTA employees favorably Train operators are courteous It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules Price of fares is reasonable I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information It is easy to find out if trains are running on schedule I feel safe riding the train RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements I feel safe & secure waiting for my train Train is clean

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

### Rail

56%

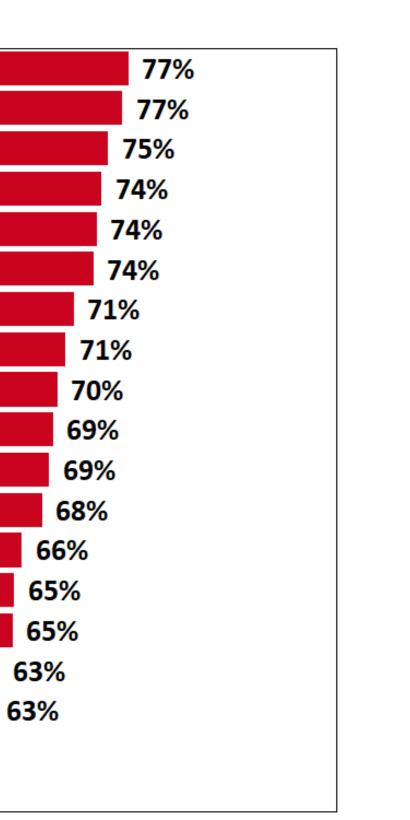
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70%

48%

50%

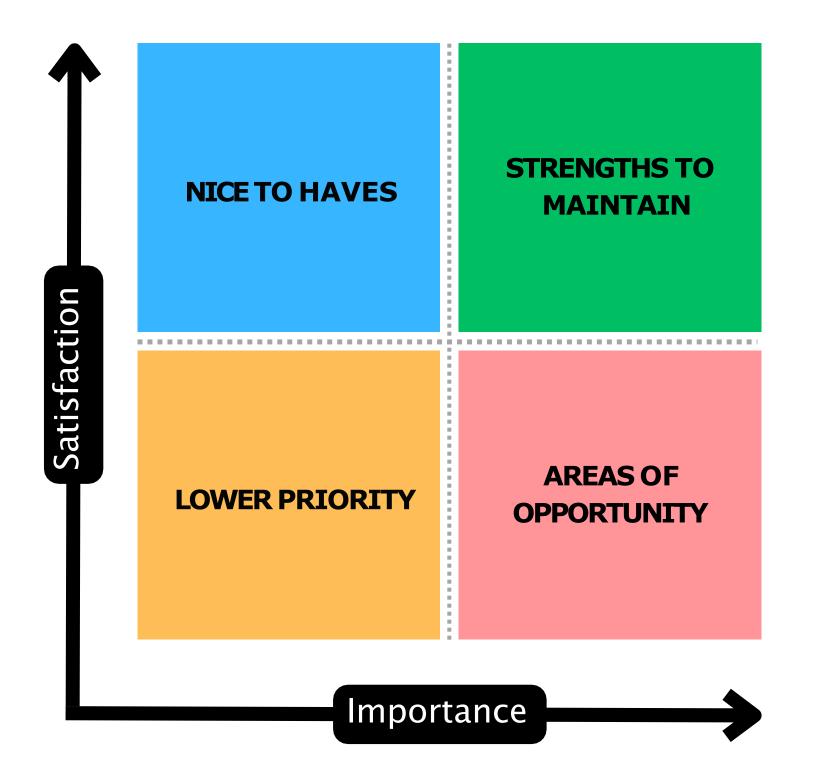




80% 90% 100% 62

## **Key Driver Analysis**

### **Satisfaction vs. Importance**



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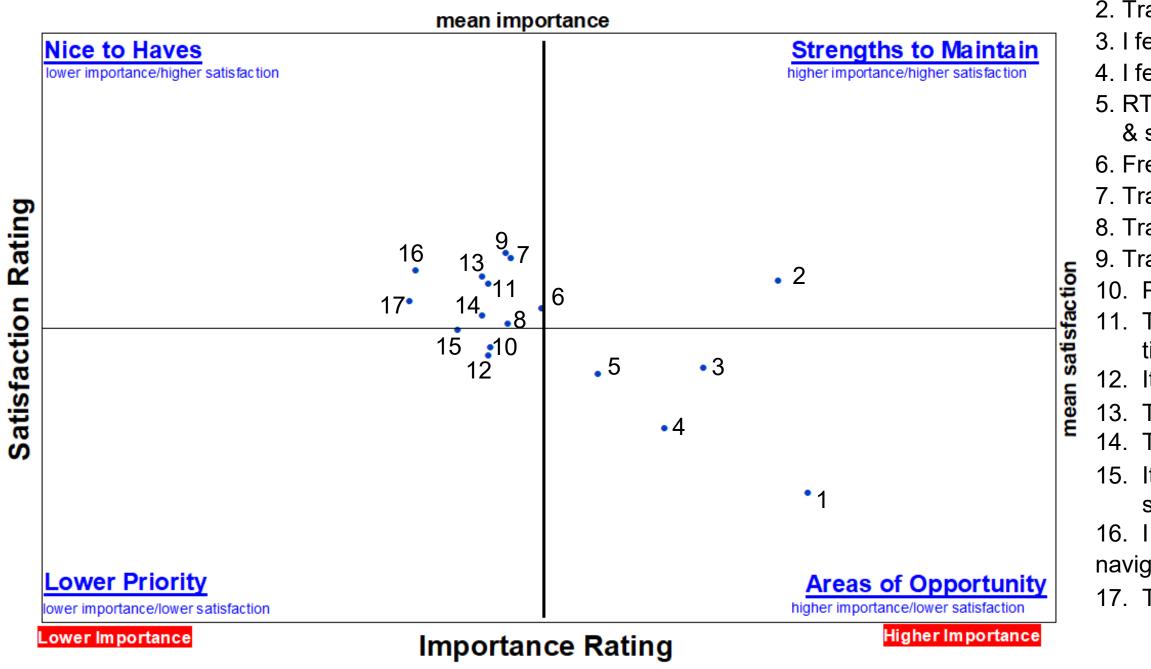
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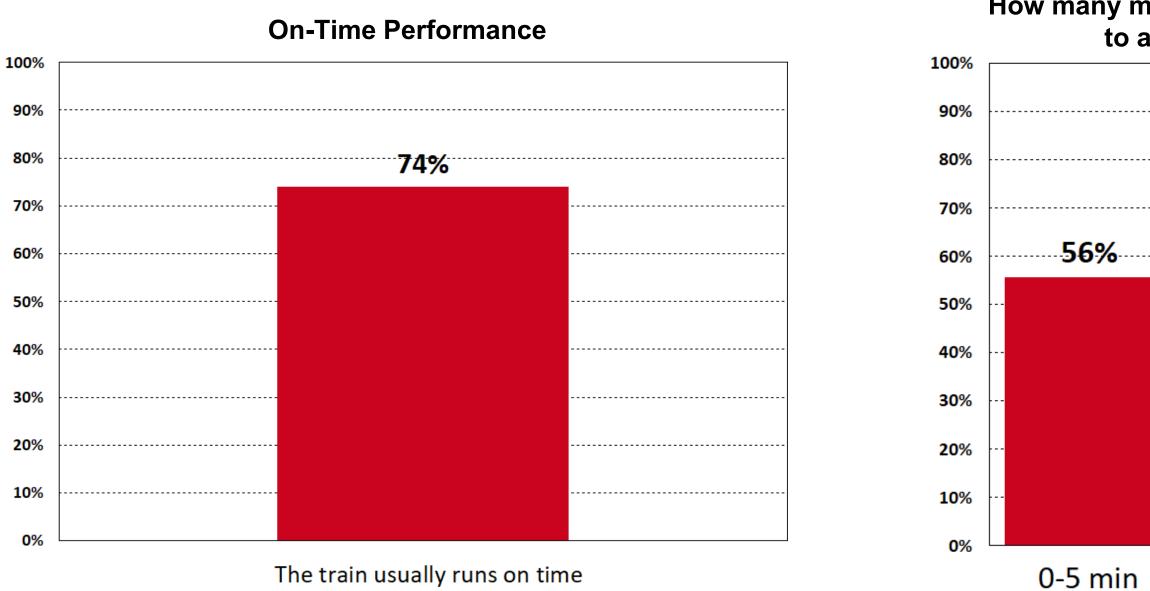
1. Train is clean

- 2. Train usually runs on time
- 3. I feel safe riding the train
- 4. I feel safe & secure waiting for my train
- 5. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements
- 6. Frequency of service is satisfactory
- 7. Train routes are conveniently located for me
- 8. Train operators are courteous
- 9. Train operators operate the vehicle safely
- 10. Price of the fares are reasonable
- 11. Train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
- 12. It is easy to find out if trains are running on schedule
- 13. Trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them14. Train operators are helpful
- 15. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
- 16. I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system
- 17. Train operators are knowledgeable about the RTA system



## **On-Time Performance**

- 74% of Rail customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.  $\bullet$
- 56% of Rail customers believe it is acceptable for the train to arrive only 0 to 5-minutes beyond its scheduled time.



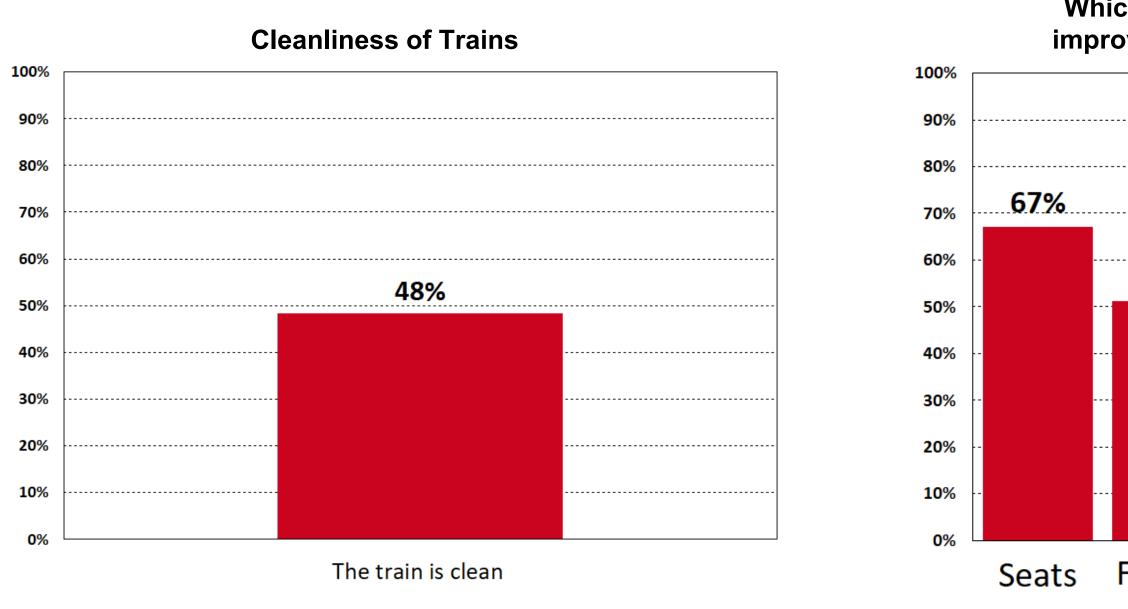


### How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a train to arrive beyond its scheduled time?

	7%	
		2%
6-10 min	11-15 min	<b>16+ min</b> 65

## **Cleanliness of Trains**

- 48% of train customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of trains. ullet
- Rail customers think focusing on seats (67%) and floors/walkways (51%) would improve their satisfaction with train cleanliness.





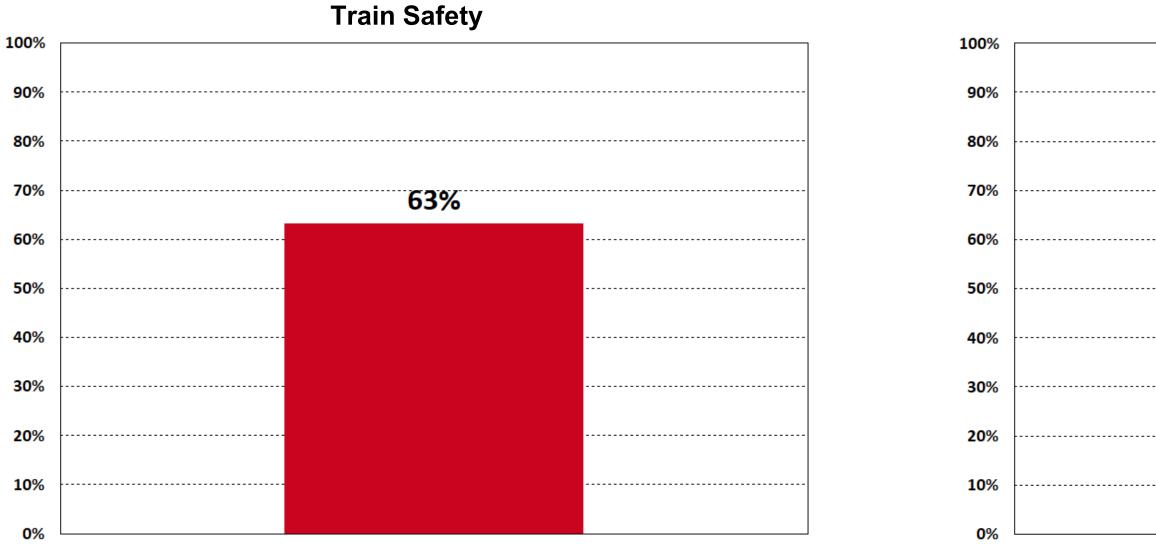
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Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to improve your satisfaction with train cleanliness?

51%	49%			
		25%	18%	
	-			7%
Floors/ walkways		Outside windows		

# **Rail and Rail Stop Safety**

• 63% of rail customers feel safe while riding the train, and 56% feel safe while waiting for the train.



I feel safe riding the train



### **Train Stop Safety**

 56%	

I feel safe & secure waiting for my train



- 73% of rail customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 42% of rail customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately



**Transit Investment** 

The community should consider increasing funding in order to improve service



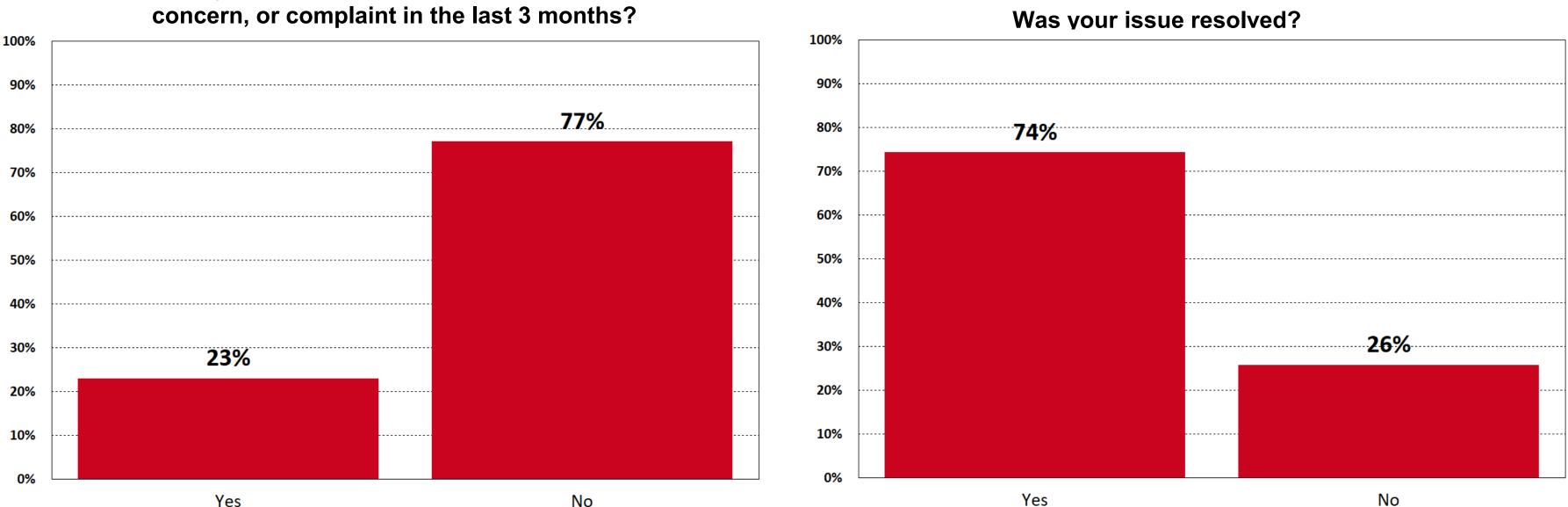
RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

# Customer Service Rail Train Service



- 23% of rail Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months.
- Of the rail Customers who have contacted RTA, 74% have had their issues resolved. •

### Have you contacted RTA with a question,

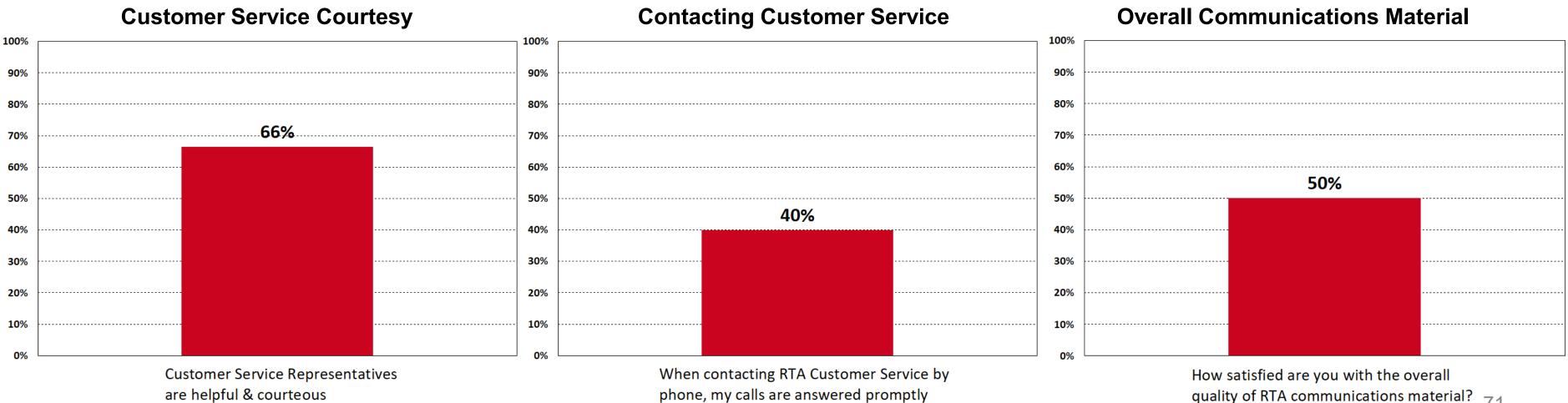




No

## **Overall Communications**

- 50% of rail customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material. •
- 40% of rail customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and 66% ulletagree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.





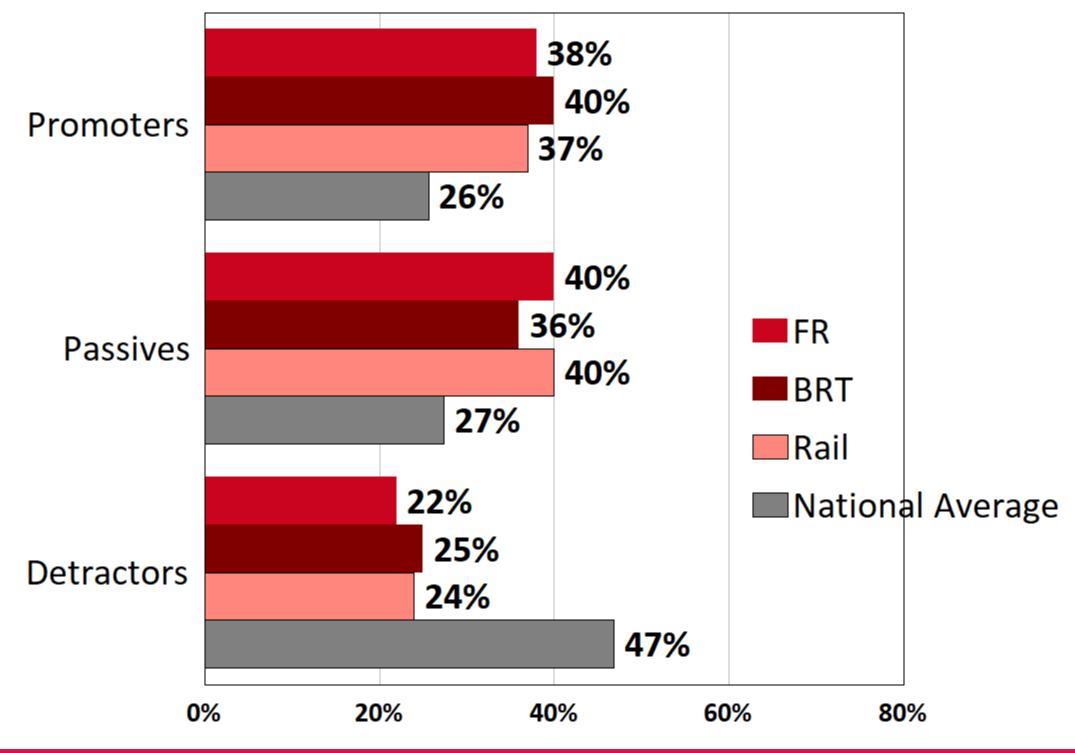
quality of RTA communications material? 7

# **Rider Benchmarks**

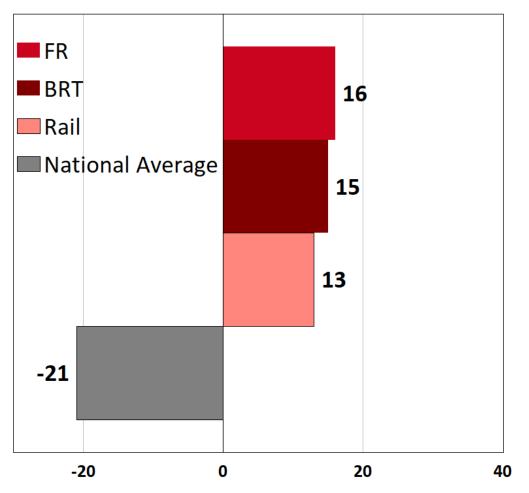


## Net Promoter Score (NPS)

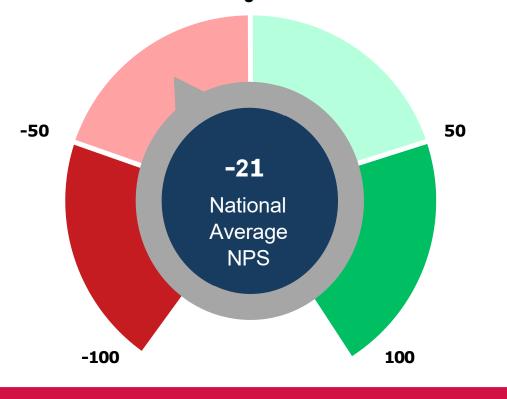
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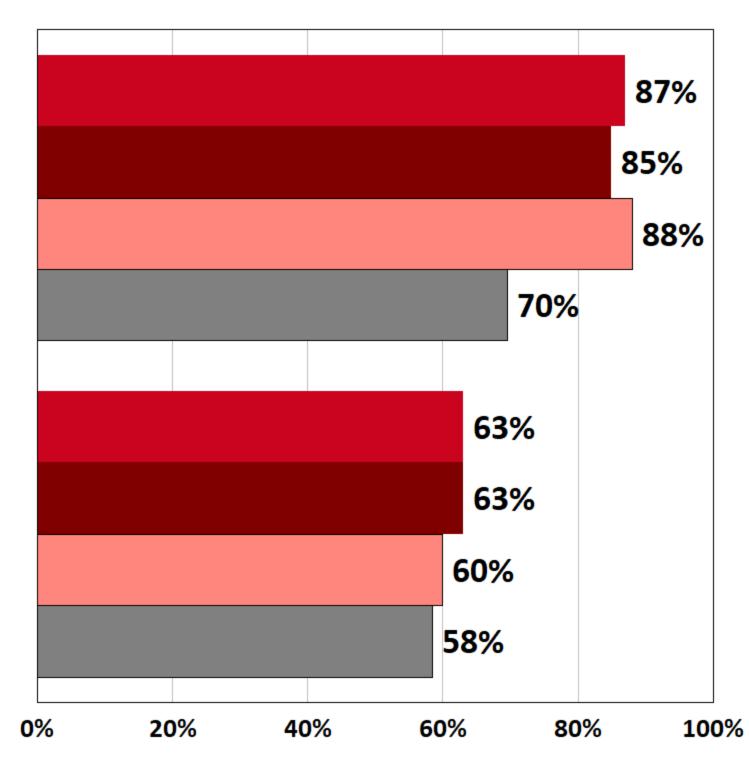
### **Net Promoter Score**



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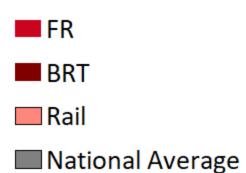


## **Satisfaction and Community Value**



### **Overall Satisfaction | Community Value**

RTA system provides value to the community

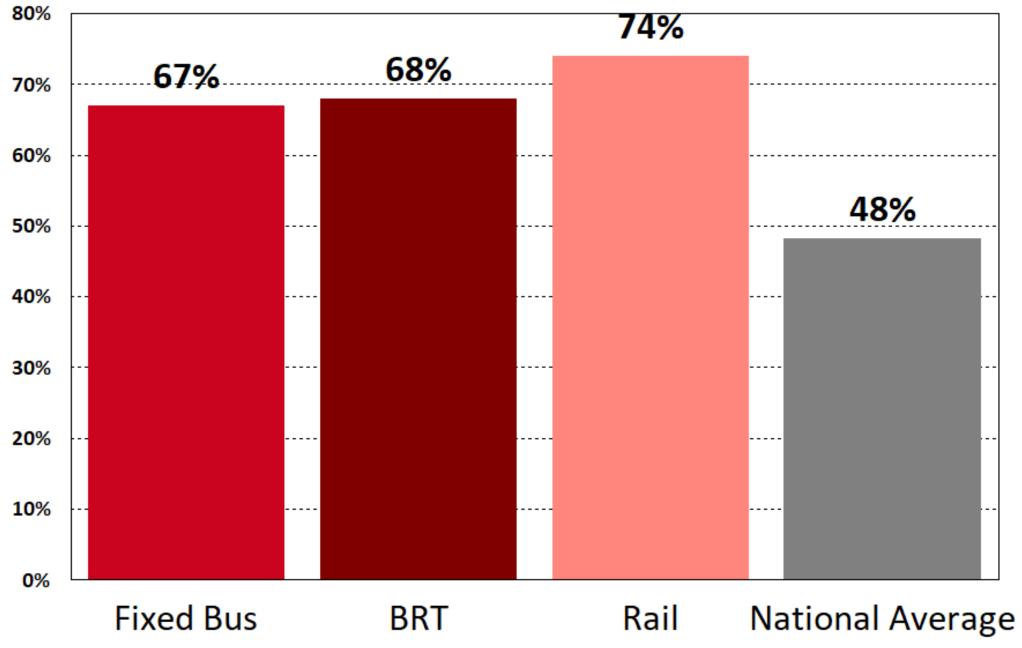


How satisfied are you overall with the bus/train service?



## **On-Time Performance**

## **Bus/Train usually runs on time**

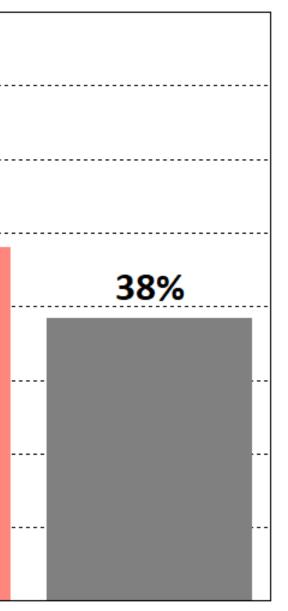




## Cleanliness

**Cleanliness of Buses/Trains 80**% **70% 60%** 50% 48% 47% **50% 40**% **30**% **20%** ---**10%** . . . . . 0% **Fixed Bus** Rail BRT





## National Average



I feel safe & secure

riding the bus/train

National Average

I feel safe & secure

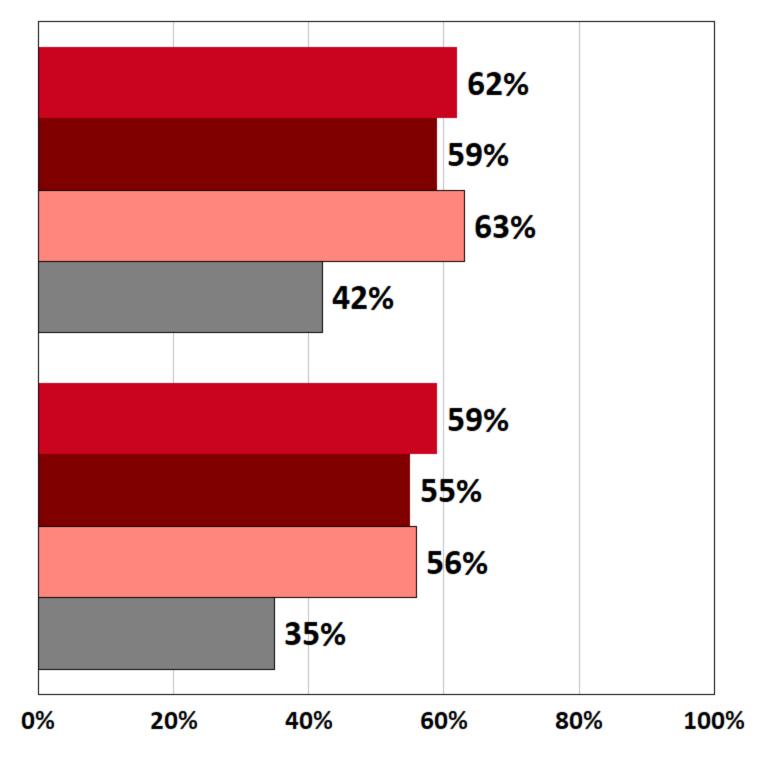
waiting for my

bus/train

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BRT

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### **Bus/Train Safety**



## Level of Agreement - National Average

NA

### **National Average**

Transit operators operate the vehicle safely							
Transit operators are knowledgeable about RTA syst							
I view transit employees favorably							
Transit operators are helpful							
Transit operators are courteous							e
Buses/trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them							6
Price of the fares are reasonable							6
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules							60
Bus/train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time							599
Frequency of service is satisfactory							57%
It is easy to find out if buses/trains are running on schedule							55%
I am confident navigating the system							55%
Routes are conveniently located for me						5	2%
Transit operator adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements						51	L%
Public transit usually runs on time						48%	6
I feel safe riding the bus/train					42	%	
Buses/trains are clean					38%		
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus/train					35%		
0	)%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%



73%

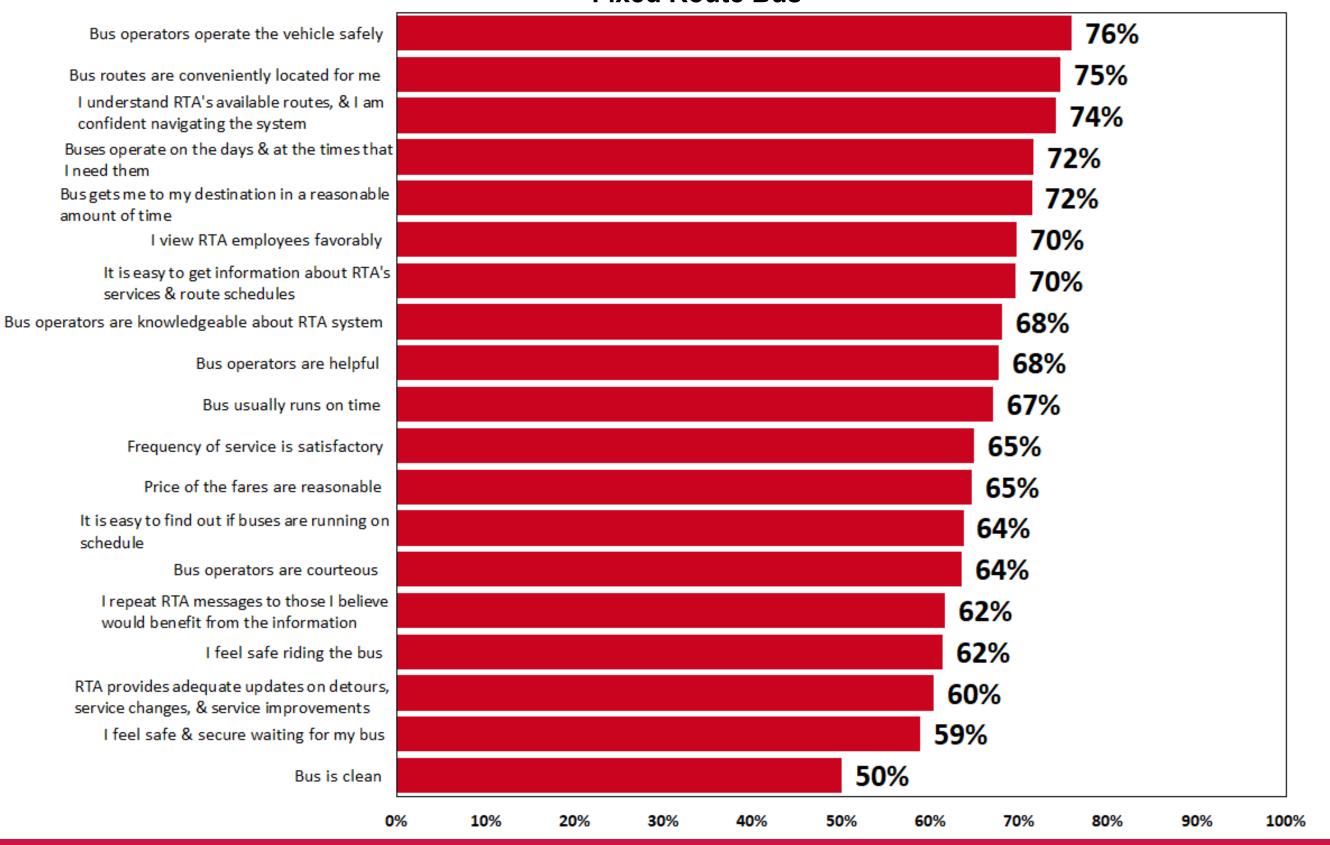


# **65%**

- 65% 64% **62%**
- **62% 62%**
- 0%
- 9%
- 6

## **R** Level of Agreement – Fixed Bus

### **Fixed Route Bus**





# BRT

## Level of Agreement - BRT

### BRT

Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them

Bus routes are conveniently located for me

Bus operators operate the vehicle safely

I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system

Bus operators are knowledgeable about the system

Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time

Bus usually runs on time

Bus operators are helpful

It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules

Frequency of service is satisfactory

Price of the fares are reasonable

I view RTA employees favorably

Bus operators are courteous

It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule

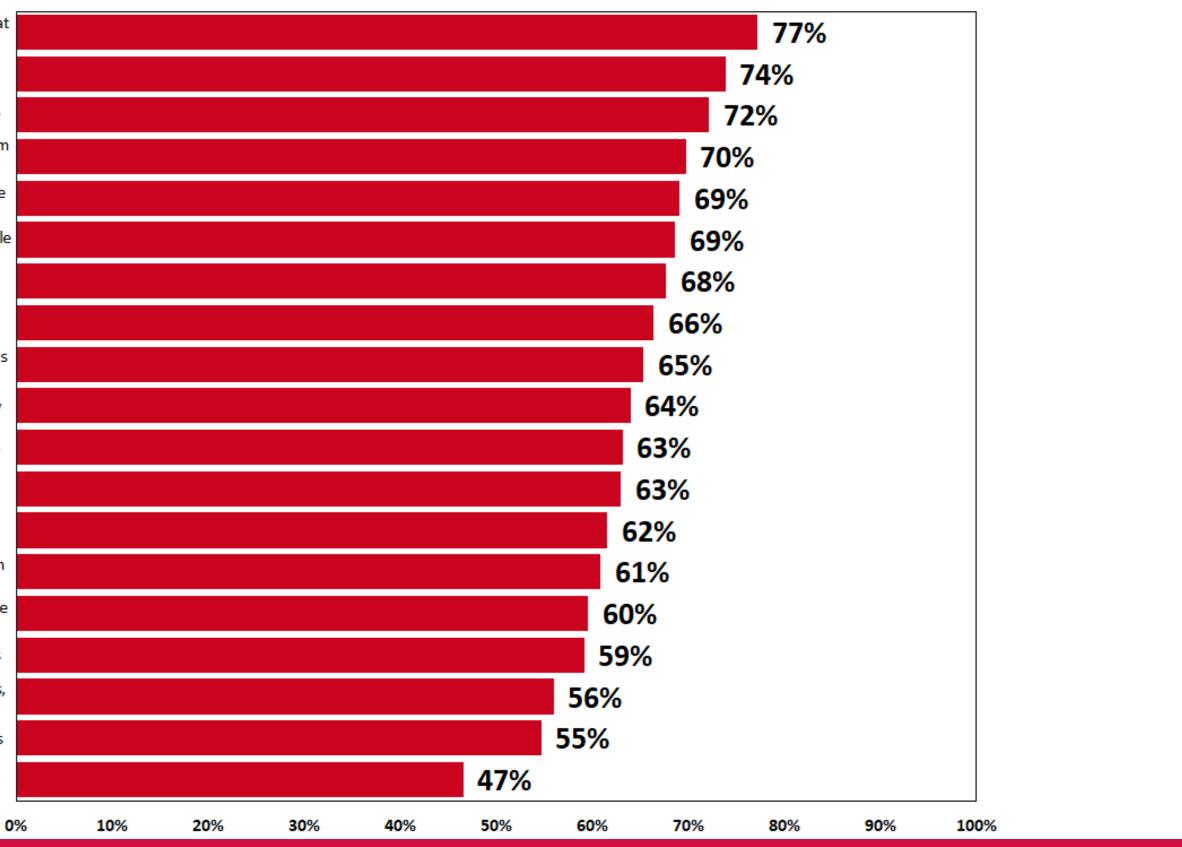
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information

I feel safe riding the bus

RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements

I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus

Bus is clean





## Level of Agreement

Train operators operate the vehicle safely

Train routes are conveniently located for me

RAIL

I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system

Trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them

Train usually runs on time

Train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time

Train operators are knowledgeable about the RTA system

Frequency of service is satisfactory

Train operators are helpful

I view RTA employees favorably

Train operators are courteous

It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules

Price of fares is reasonable

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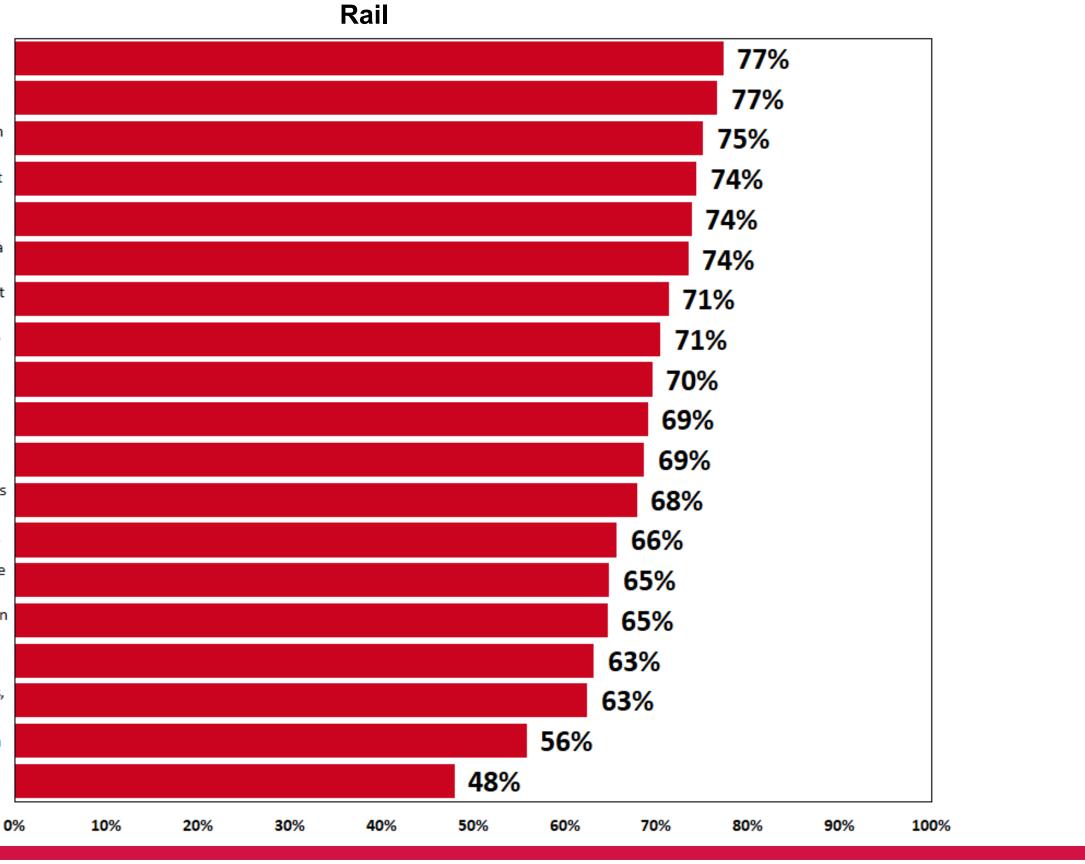
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I feel safe riding the train

RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements

I feel safe & secure waiting for my train

Train is clean

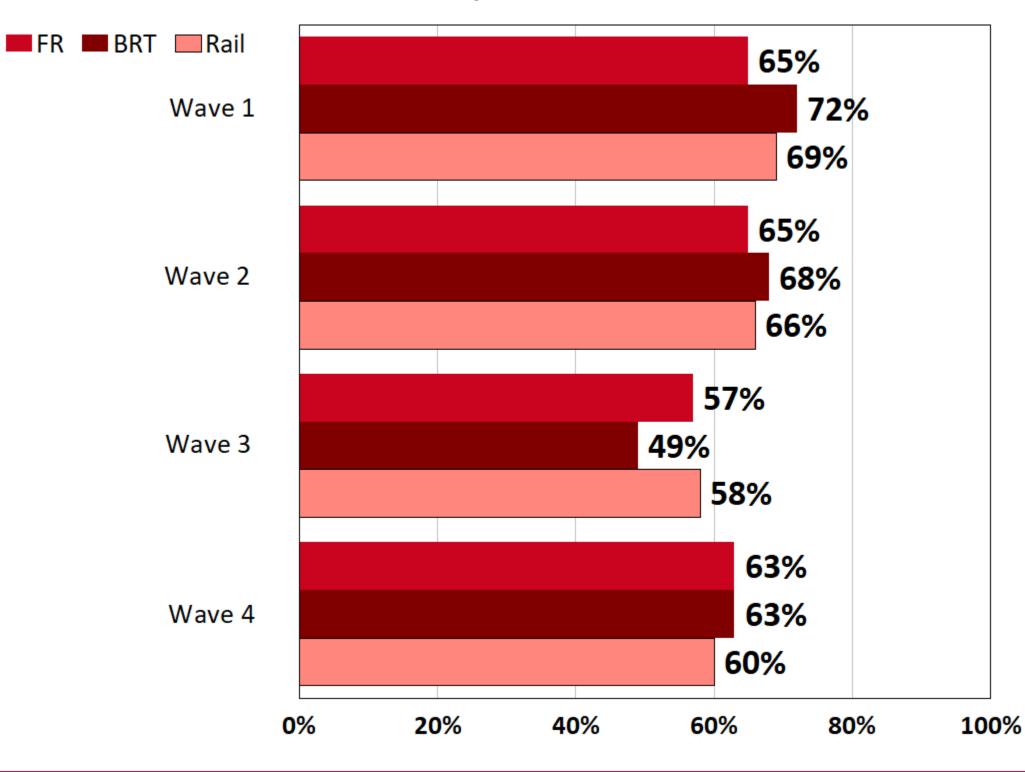




# Trends



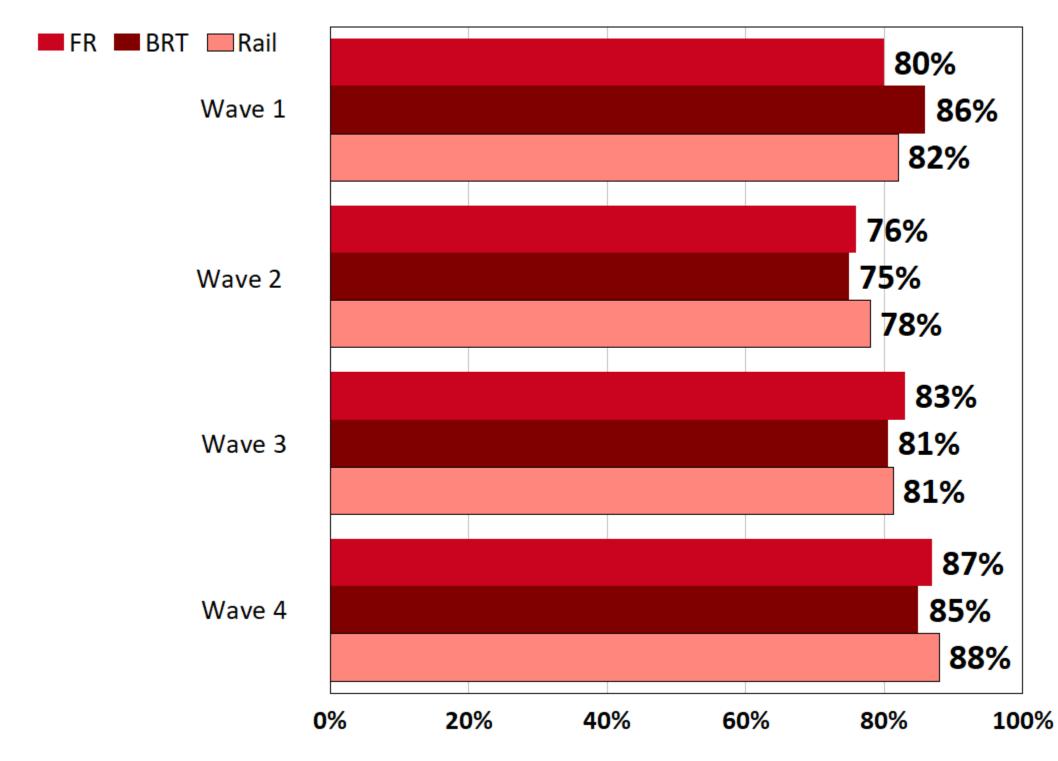
## Satisfaction



### How satisfied are you with the overall bus/train service?



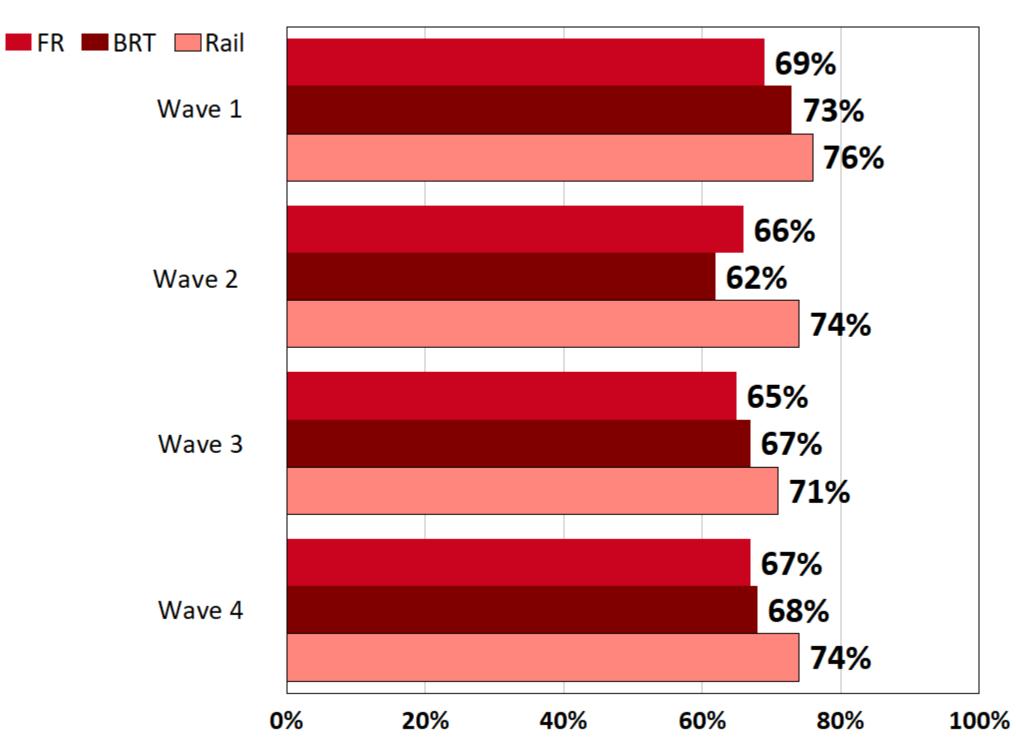
## **Community Value**





### **RTA system provides value to the community**

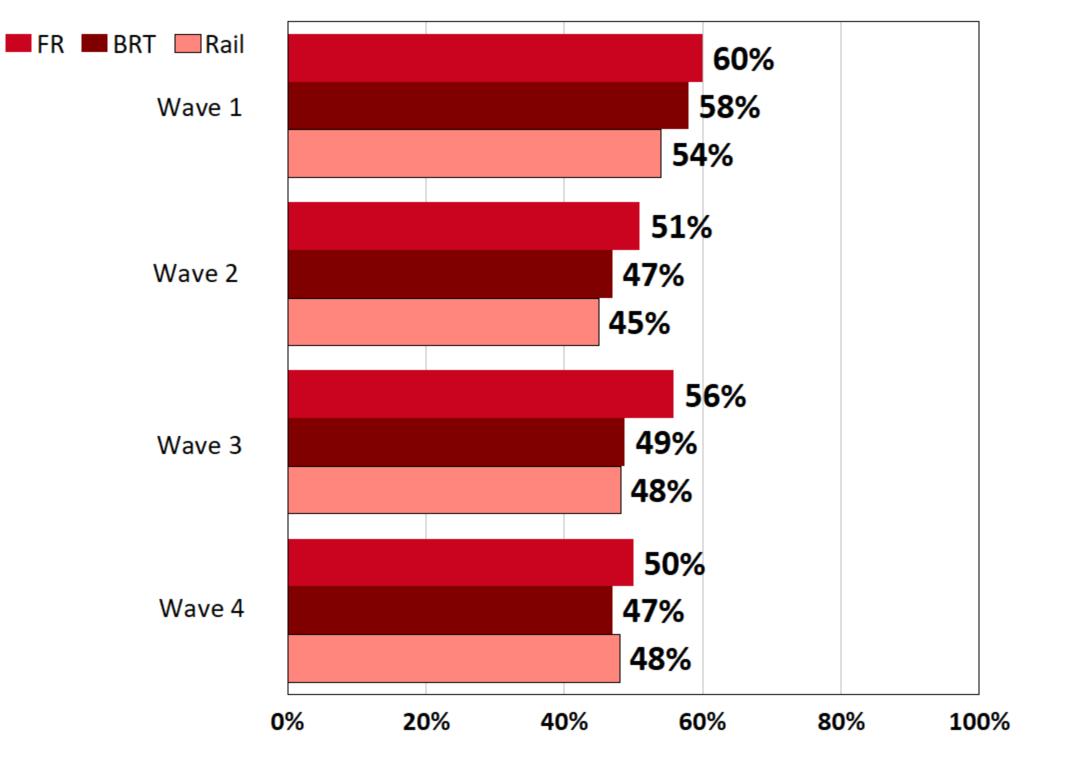
## **On-Time Performance**



### The bus/train usually runs on time



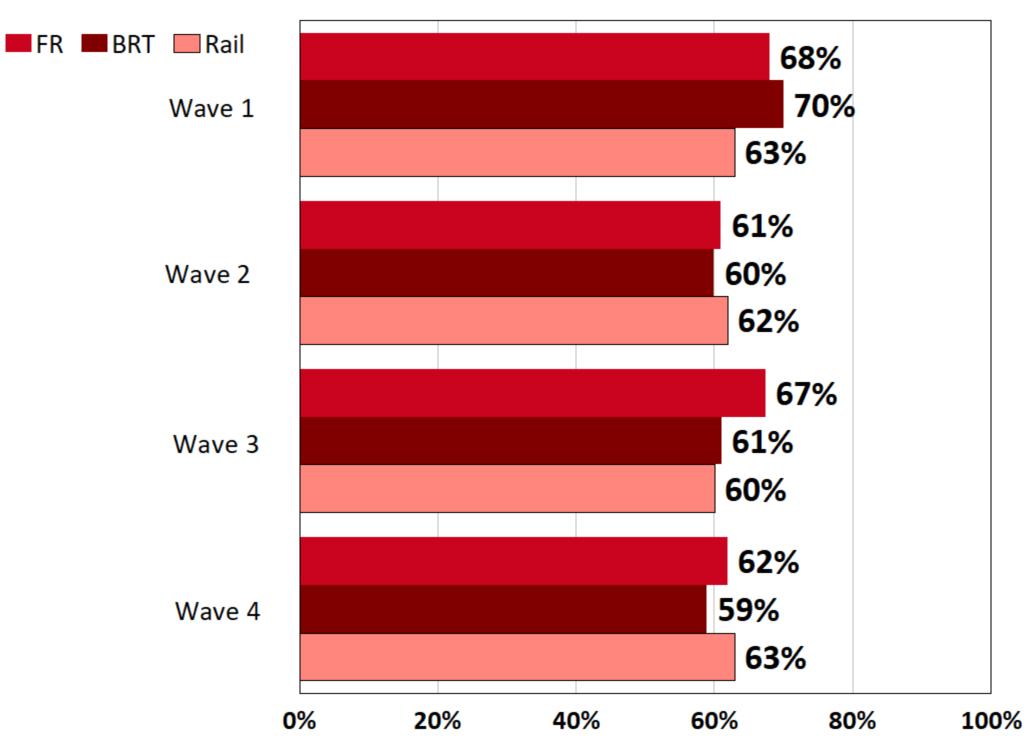
## Cleanliness



### **Cleanliness of buses/trains**







### **Bus/Train Safety**



# Paratransit

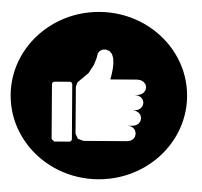




**3 out of 4** customers who contacted RTA had their issues resolved

**79%** of customers would recommend riding RTA paratransit

88% are satisfied with the overall performance of RTA's customer service staff.



## **Customers MOST OFTEN agree...**



I feel safe when boarding a vehicle (97%)



I can schedule for the time and date I need (97%)



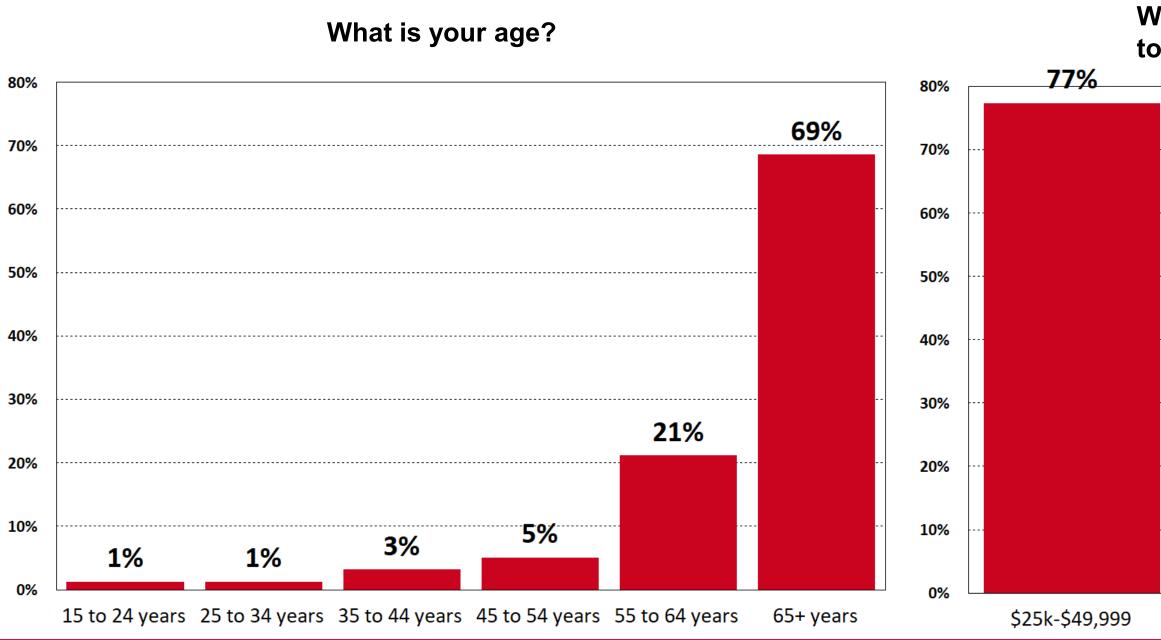
## **Top Most Important Elements of Paratransit** service to customers

- 1. On-time performance
- 2. Safety while riding
- 3. Resolving complaints
- 4. Fare price

# Customer Characteristics Paratransit Service



- 69% of Paratransit customers are 65+ years old
- 77% of respondents make less than \$50,000



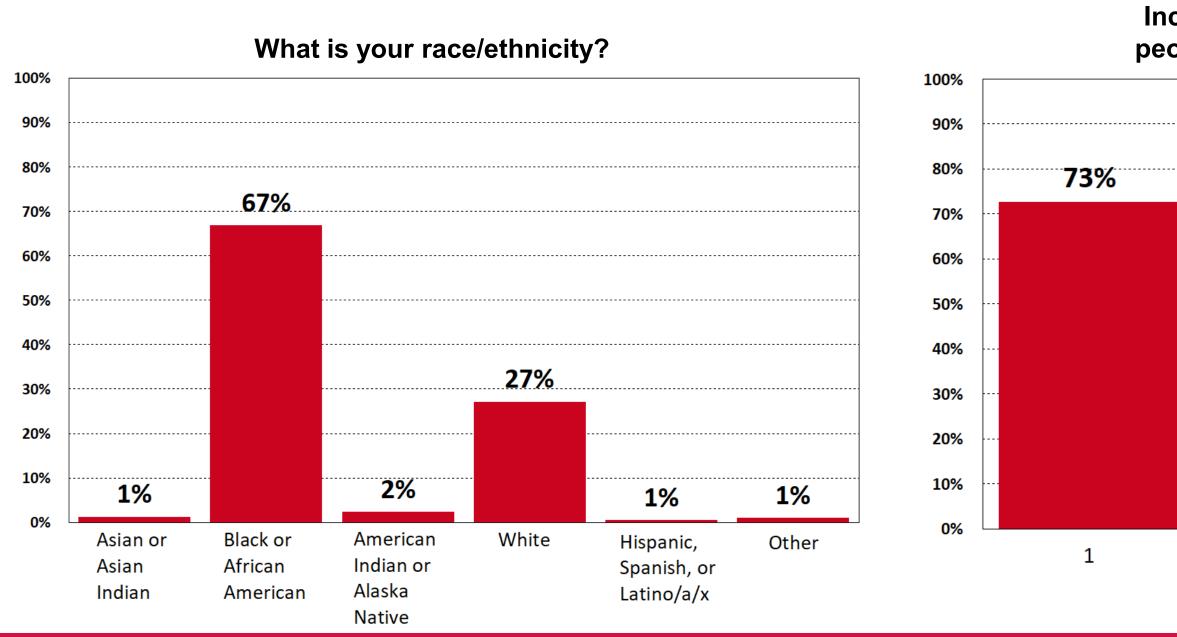


## What category best describes your total annual household income?

		19%
2%	2%	
\$50k-\$74,999	\$75k+	Prefer not to say 1



67% of Paratransit customers are Black/African American, and 73% live alone •



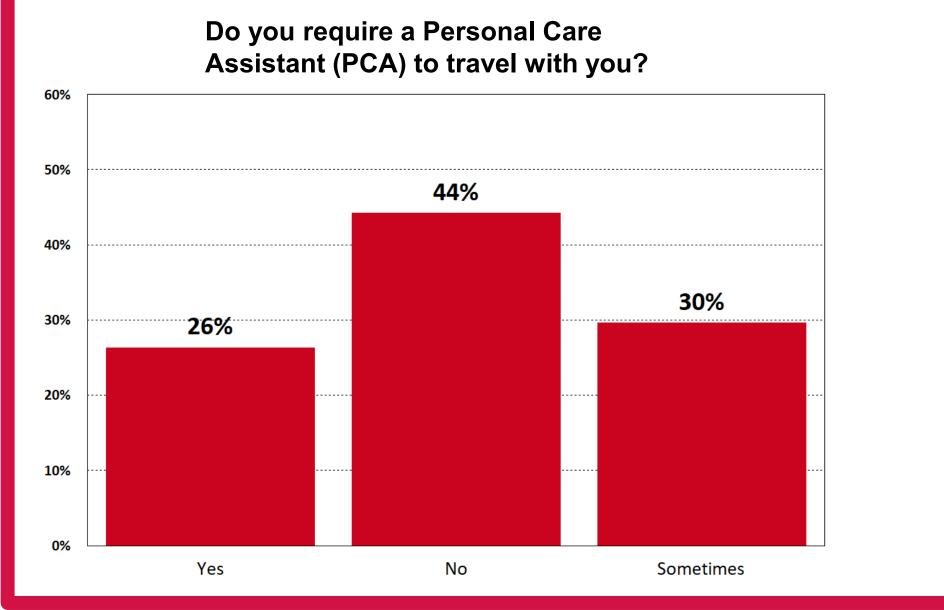


### Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

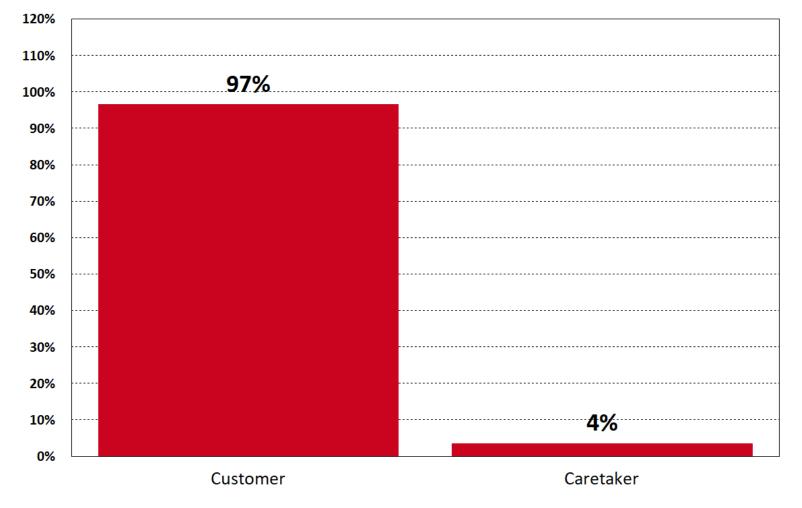
18%		
		3%
2	3	4+



26% of Paratransit customers always require a PCA and 30% sometimes do. •



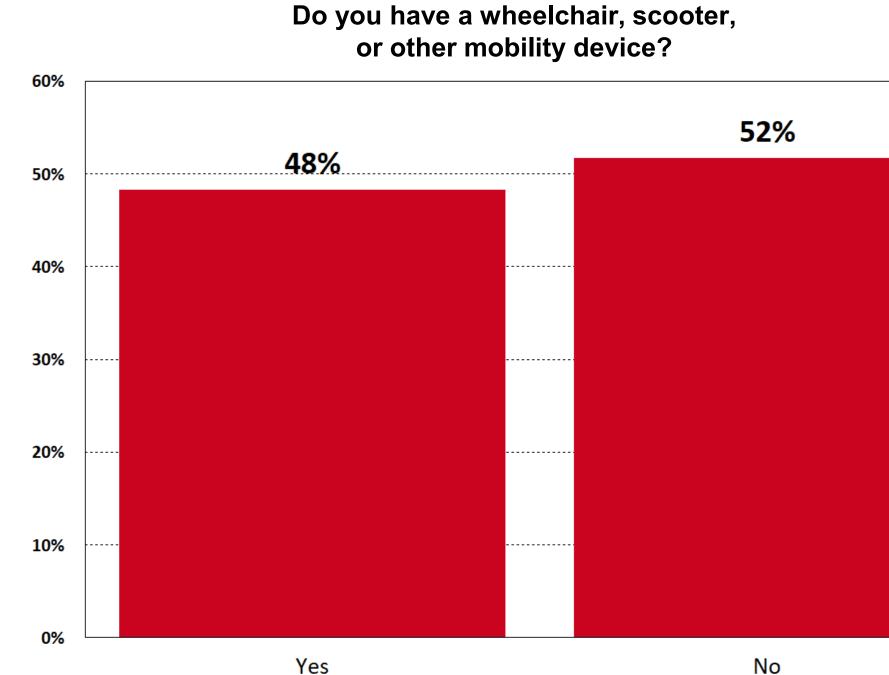
### Are you the customer using RTA Paratransit, or are you the caretaker or family member of the Paratransit customer?





## **Customer Characteristics** PARA

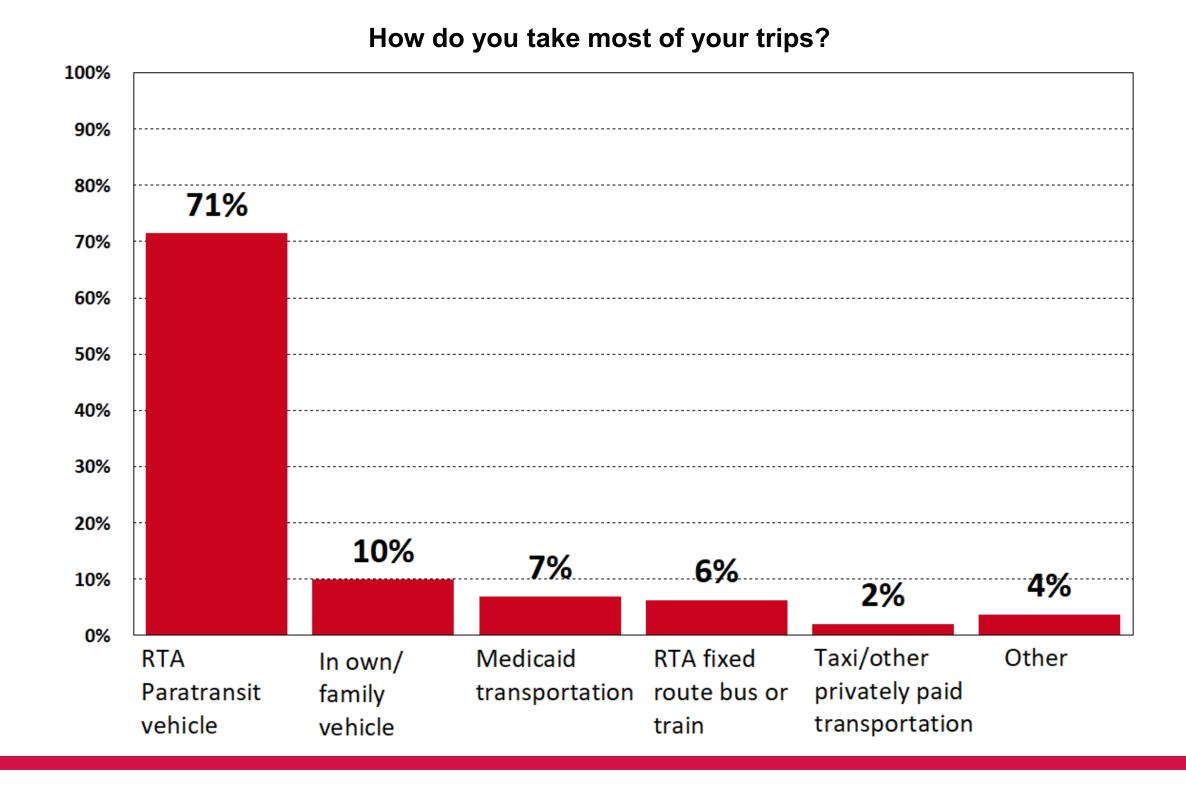
Almost half (48%) of Paratransit customers have a mobility device •







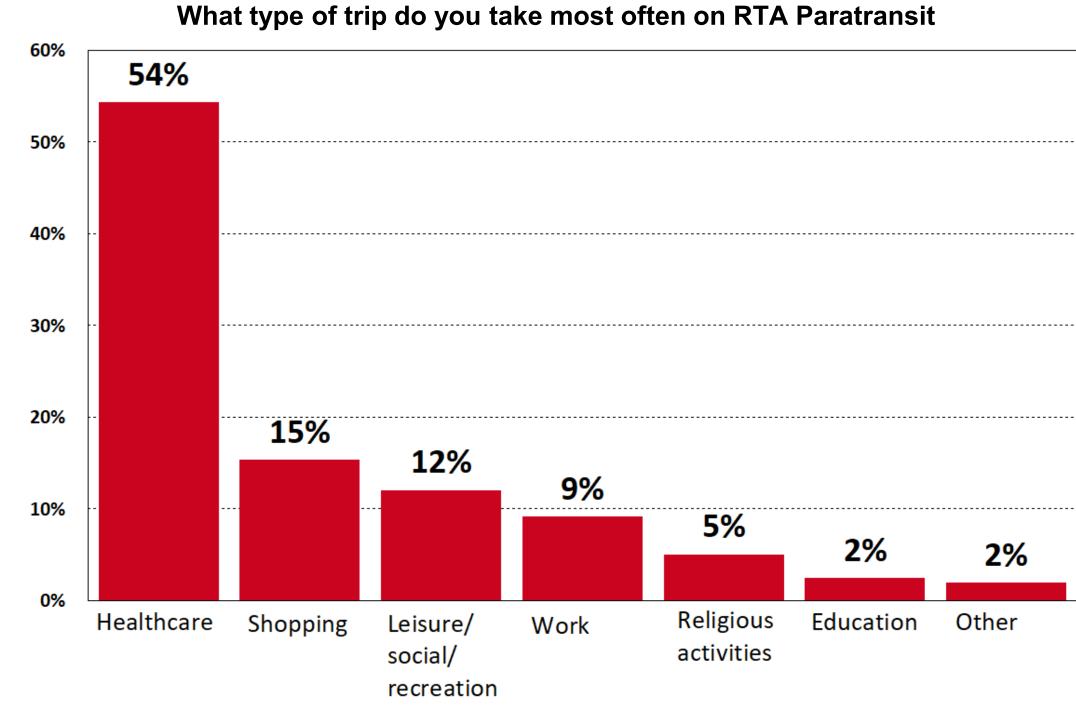
• 71% of Paratransit customers use Paratransit vehicles to make most of their trips.







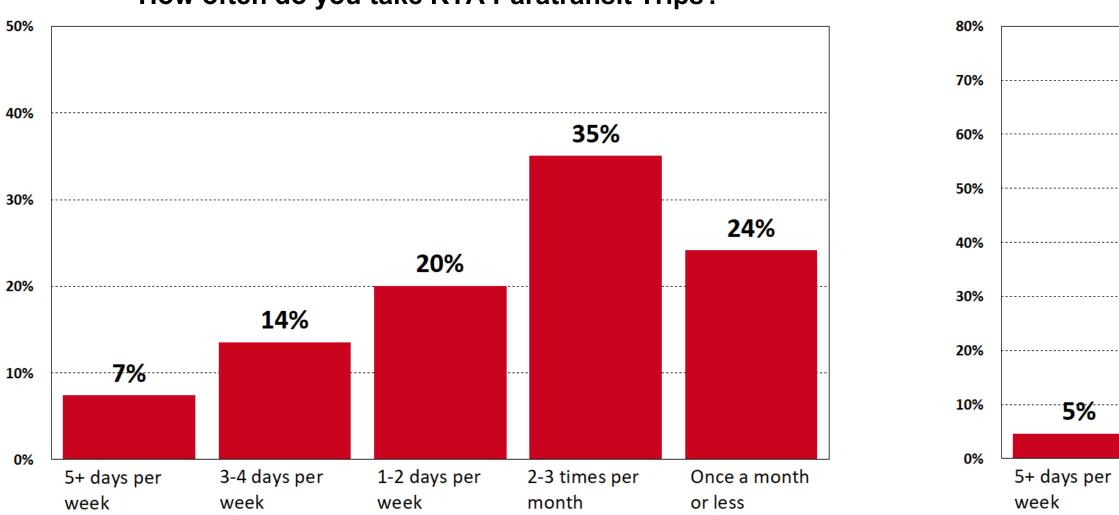
• 54% of Paratransit customers use Paratransit most often for healthcare.







- 35% of Paratransit customers take Paratransit 2-3 times per month.
- 72% of Paratransit customers ride other RTA services once a month or less.



How often do you take RTA Paratransit Trips?



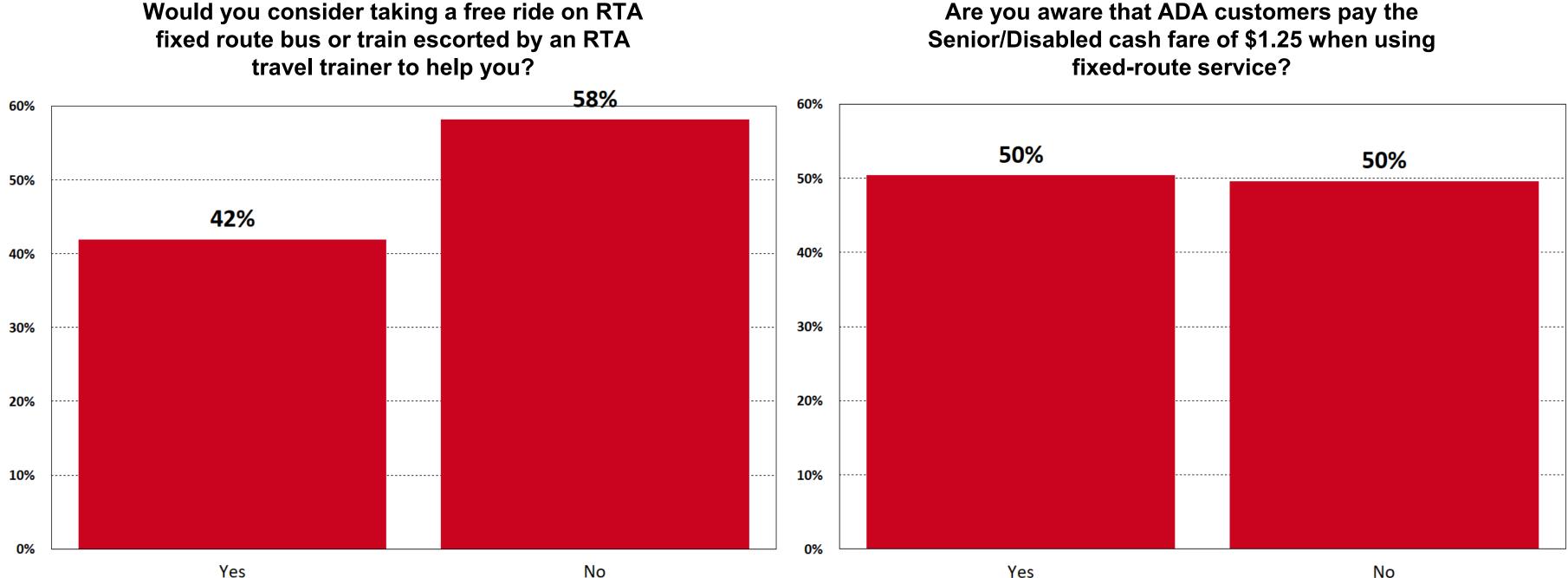
## es per month. once a month or less.

### How often do you ride other RTA services such as fixed route buses, the Healthline, or Red/Blue/Green Lines?

			72%	
 				-
 				-
 				-
 				_
				-
 F0/	8%	10%	-	-
5%				
3-4 days per week	1-2 days per week	2-3 times per month	Once a month or less	



- 42% of respondents would consider a free fixed route or train ride with a travel trainer. •
- 50% of respondents are aware of the Senior/Disabled fare for ADA customers. •





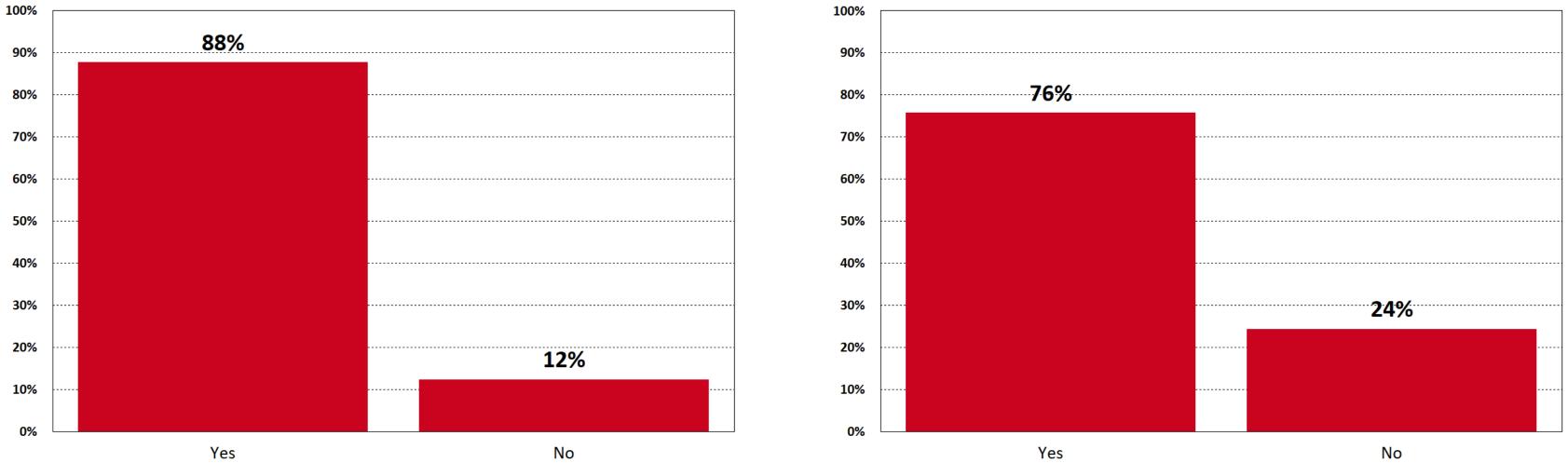
## Are you aware that ADA customers pay the



- 88% of respondents are aware of the No-Show policy. •
- 76% of respondents are aware of the pickup window. •

Are you aware that if you do not board the vehicle within 5-minutes of the vehicle arriving that you can be marked as a No-Show and the vehicle can depart the location?







99

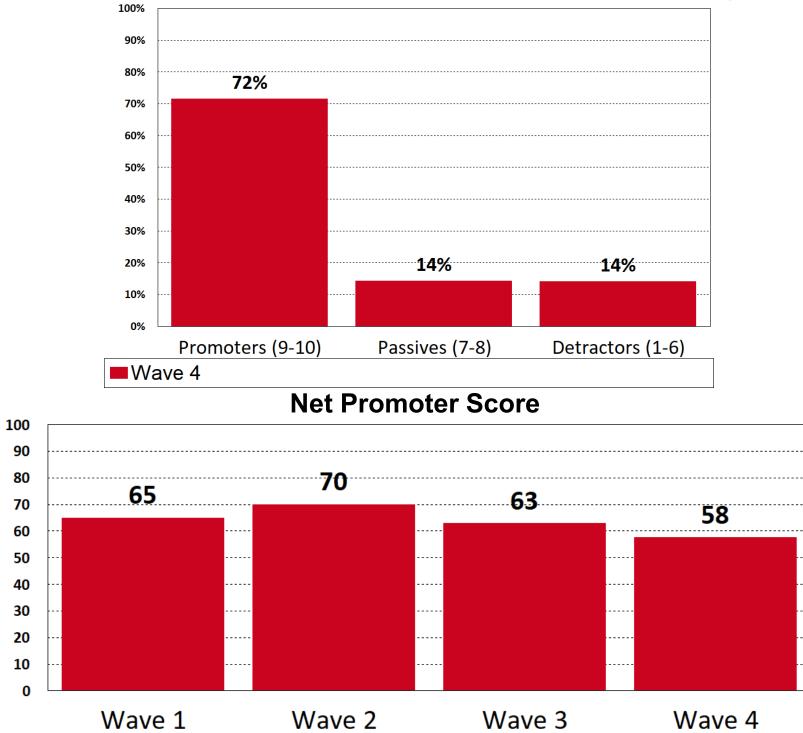
### Are you aware that the pickup window for trips you schedule is 10 minutes before and 20 minutes after the scheduled pickup time?

# **Customer Impressions** Paratransit Service

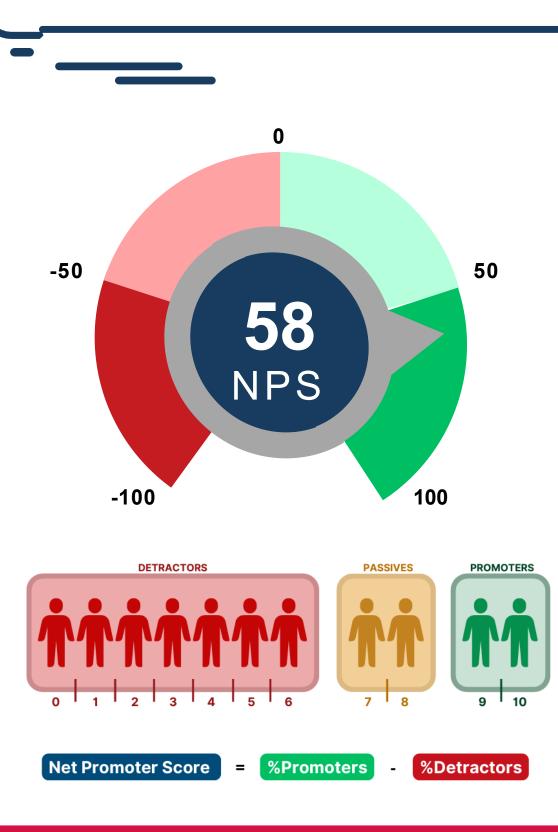
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## Paratransit

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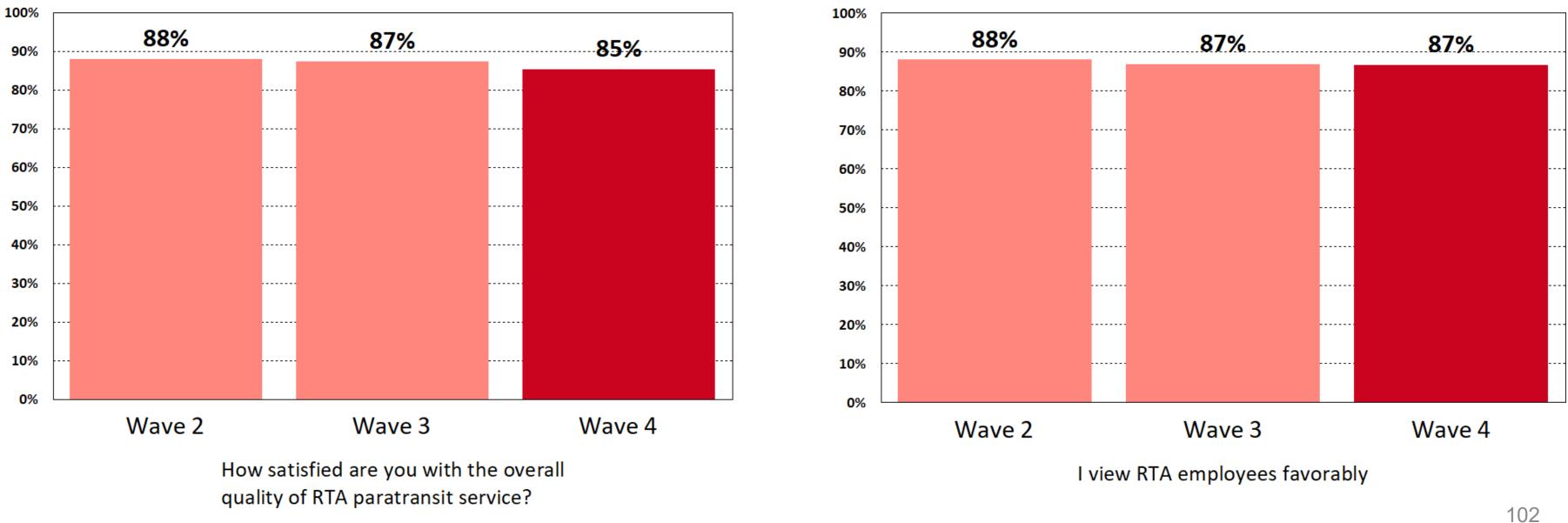
RTA's Paratransit NPS is down five points since Wave 3 from 63 to 58.





**Overall Satisfaction with Paratransit Service** 

- 85% of respondents are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA Paratransit service. •
- 87% of respondents view RTA employees favorably. •

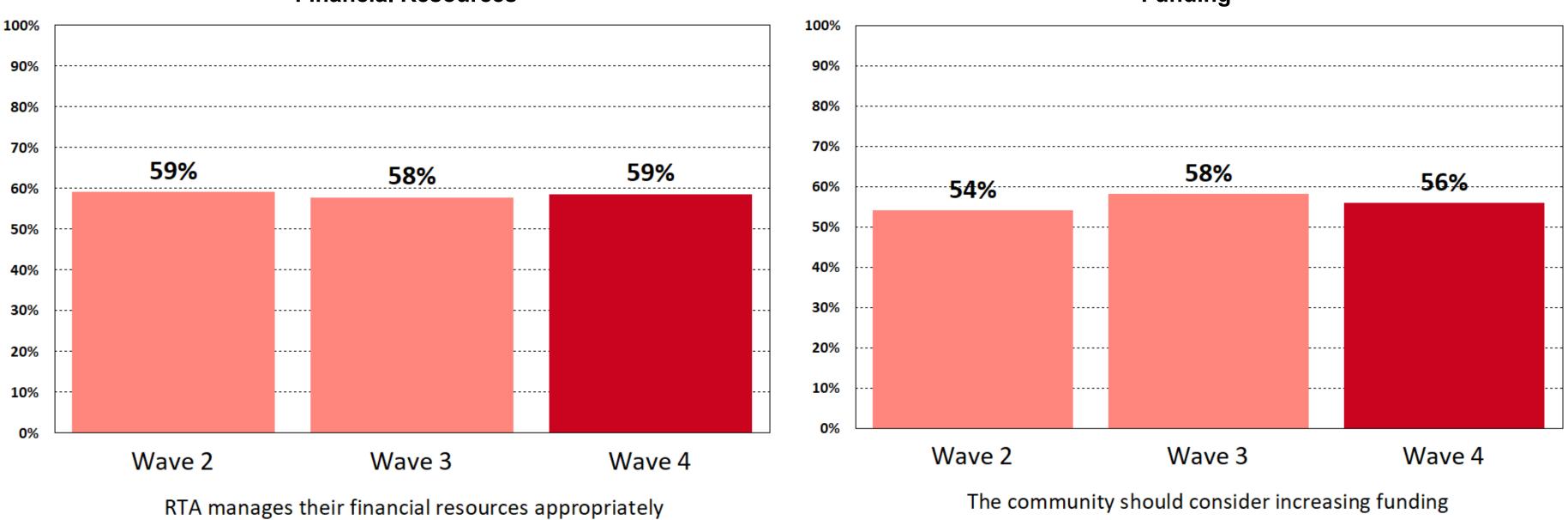




### **Perception of RTA Employees**



- 59% of respondents believe RTA manages their financial resources appropriately. ullet
- 56% of respondents believe funding should increase to improve service. ullet



### **Financial Resources**



### Funding

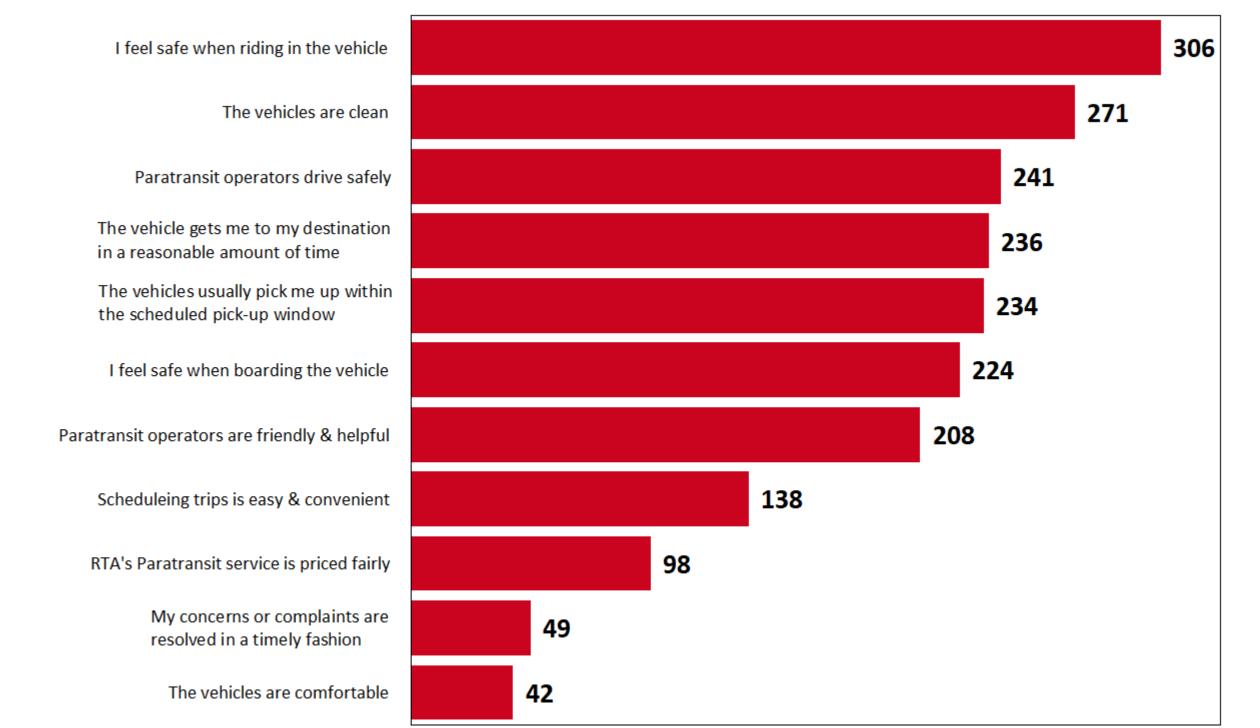
in order to improve services

## **Customer Importance Factors**

Paratransit Service

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The top customer importance factors were safety while riding (306), vehicle cleanliness (271), and operators driving safely (241).



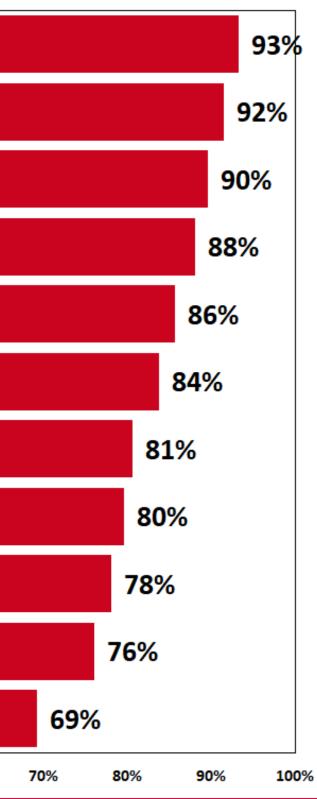


## PARA Level of Agreement

### Paratransit

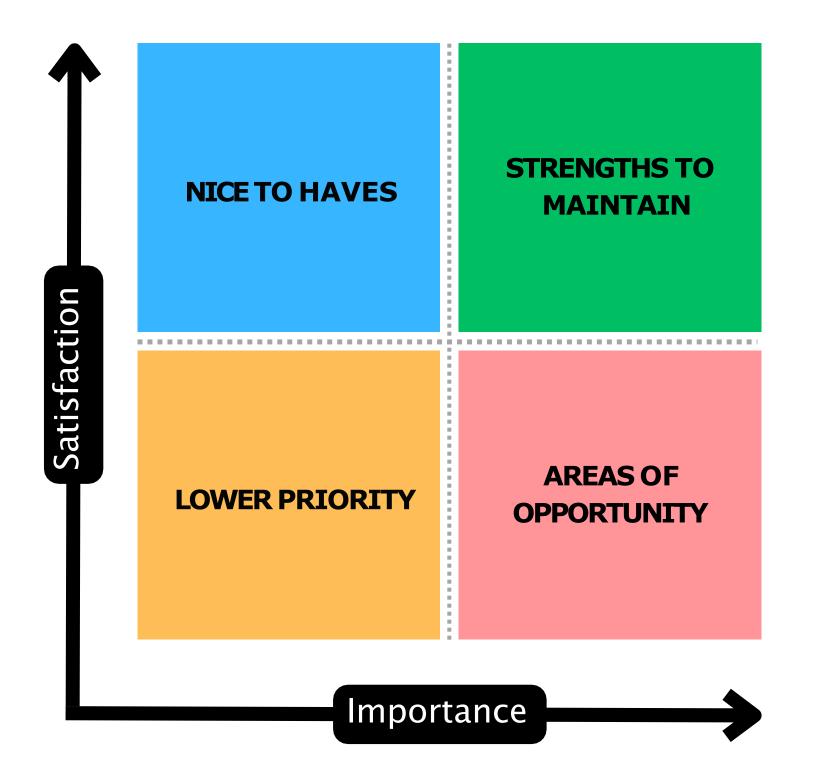
I feel safe when boarding the vehicle							
I feel safe when riding the vehicle							
The vehicles are clean							
Paratransit operators drive safely							
Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful							
RTA's Paratransit service is priced fairly							
The vehicle gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time							
Scheduling a trip is easy & convenient							
The vehicles are comfortable							
The vehicles usually pick me up within the scheduled 30-minute pickup window							
My concerns or complaints are answered in a timely fashion							
	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%





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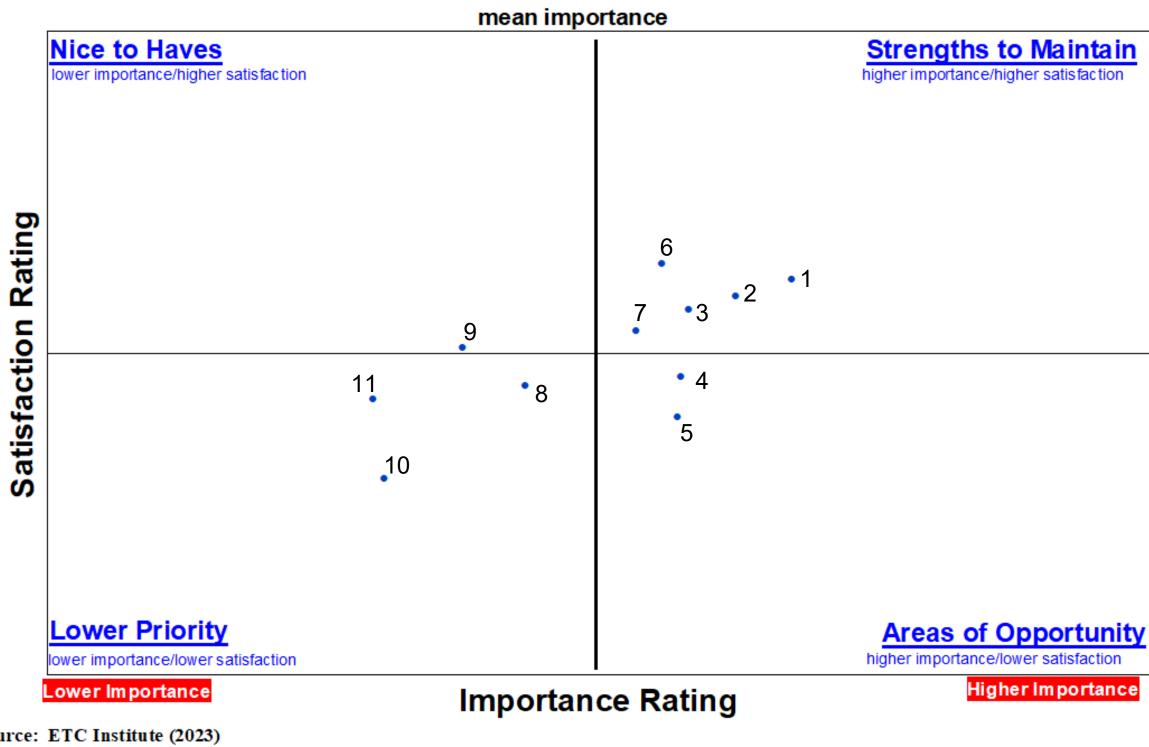
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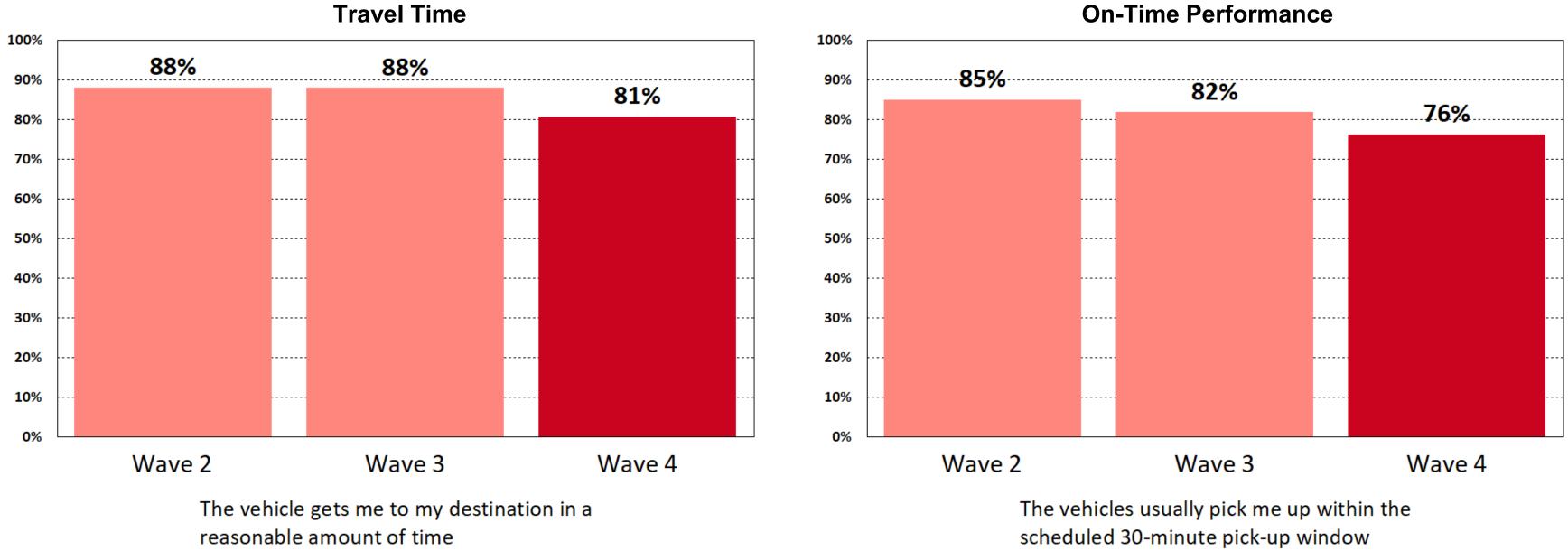
- 1. Safety on the vehicle
- 2. Vehicle cleanliness
- 3. Operators driving safely
- 4. Travel time
- 5. Vehicles arriving within pick-up window
- 6. Safety while boarding
- 7. Operators being friendly & helpful
- 8. Ease of scheduling a trip
- 9. Paratransit being priced fairly
- 10. Concerns & complaints being resolved quickly
- 11. Vehicle comfort

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# **Travel Time & On-Time Performance**

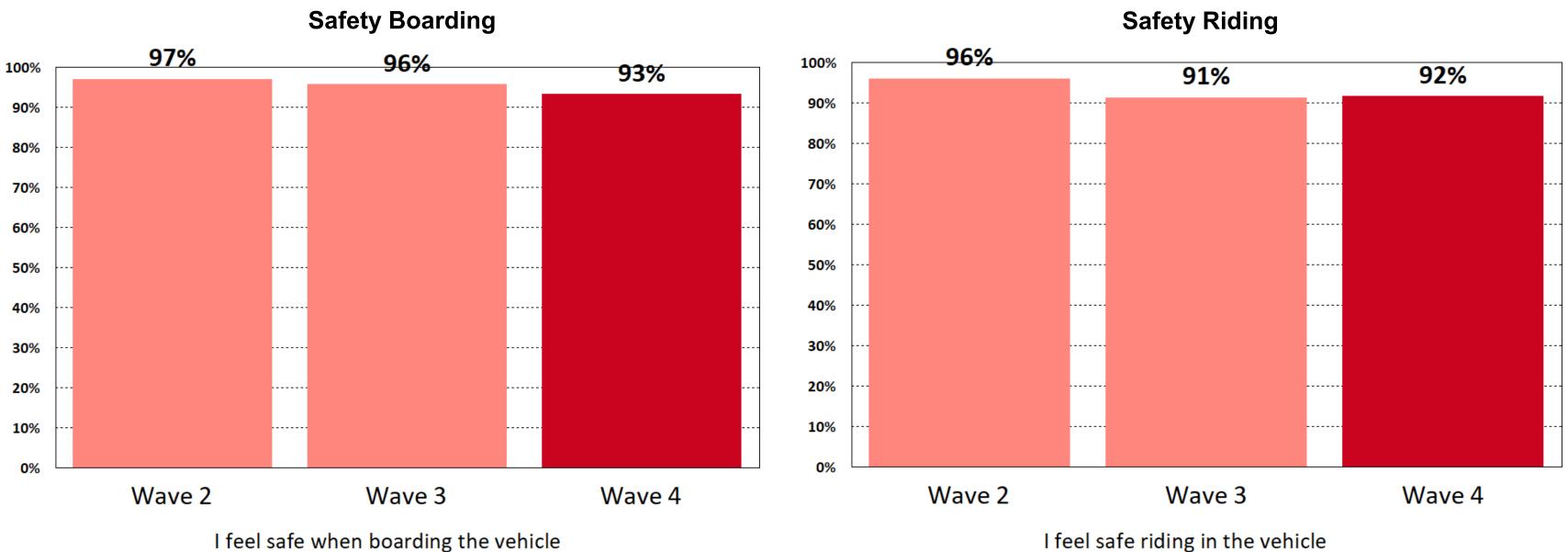
- 81% of respondents believe the vehicle gets them to their destination in a reasonable time. •
- 76% of respondents say the vehicles usually arrive during the scheduled window. •







- 93% of respondents feel safe when boarding the vehicle. ullet
- 92% of respondents feel safe riding the vehicle. ullet





I feel safe riding in the vehicle

# Trip Availability, Coverage, and Scheduling

- 94% of respondents say Paratransit can take them where they need to go. •
- 92% of respondents say they can schedule a trip for when they need. •

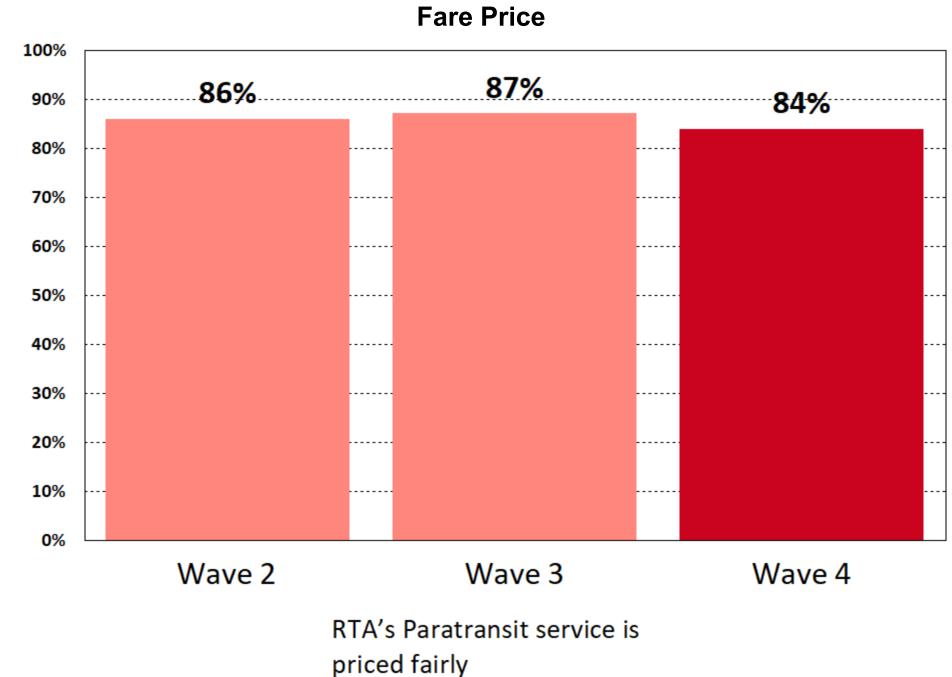








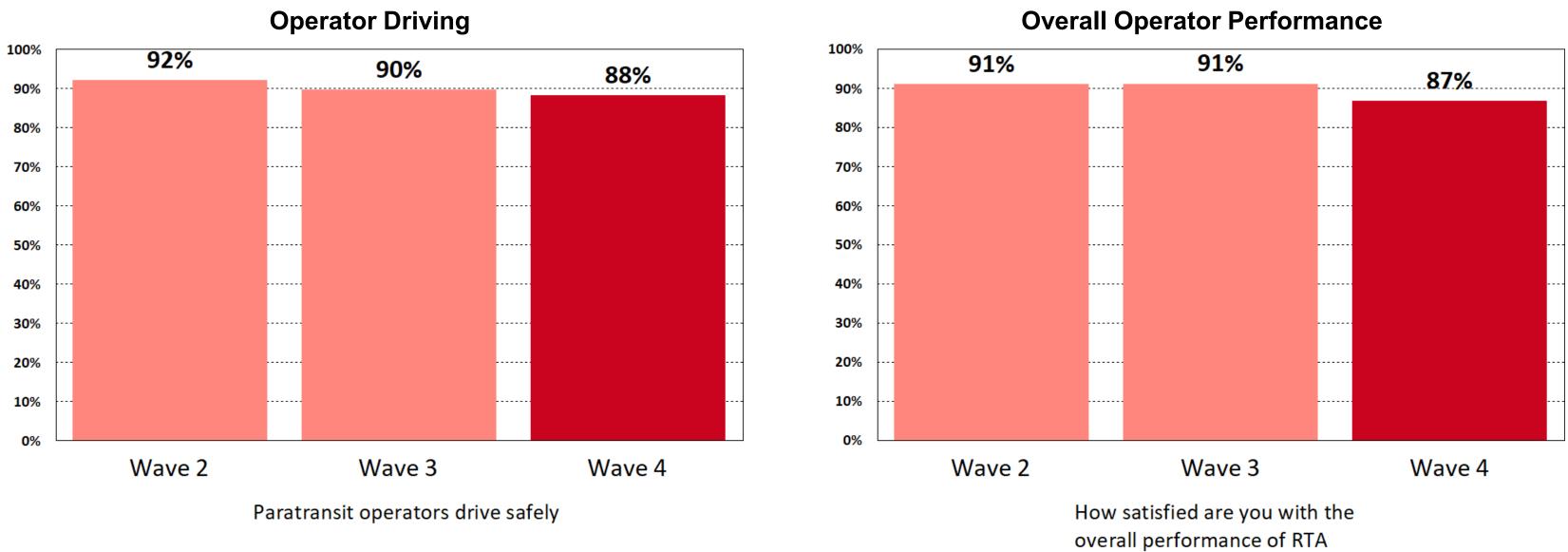
84% of respondents say that Paratransit service is priced fairly. •





# PARA Perception of Operators

- 88% of respondents say that Paratransit operators drive safely. •
- 87% of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of operators. •

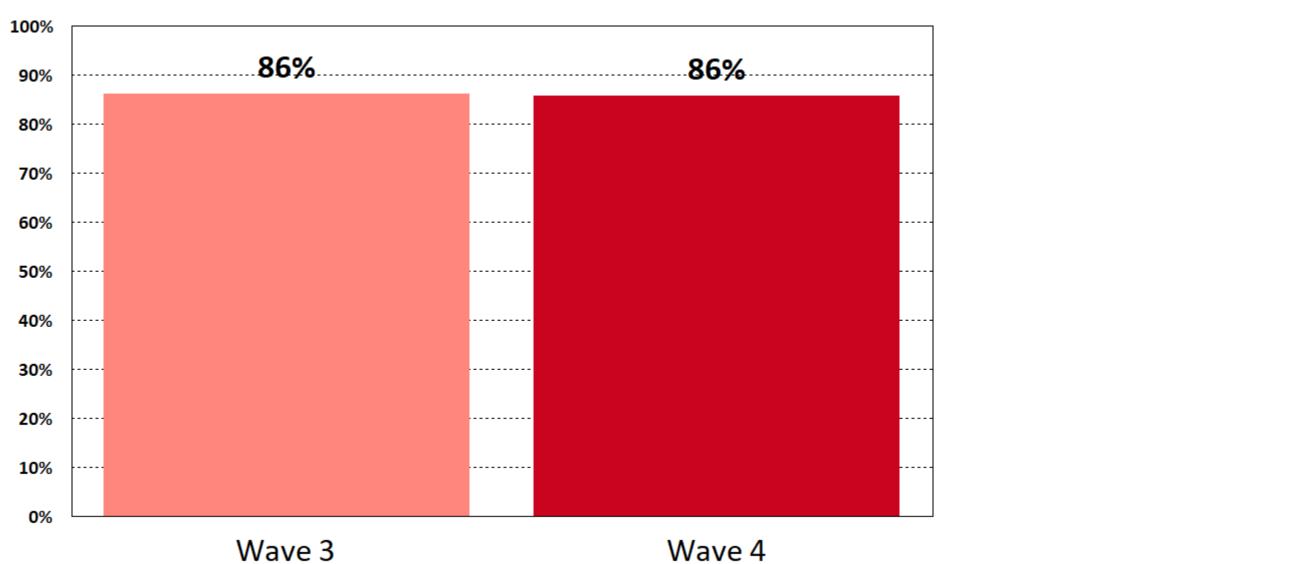




paratransit operators?



86% of respondents are say that Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful. •



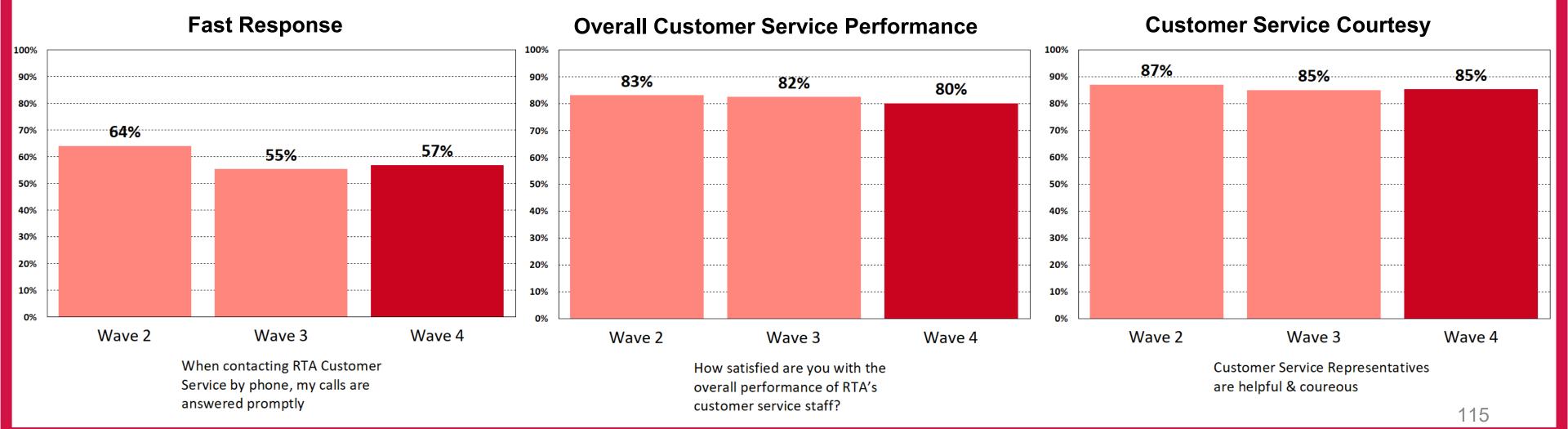
### **Operator Helpfulness**

Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful



# **Customer Service Representatives**

- 80% of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of customer service staff. ullet
- 85% of respondents say customer service representatives are helpful & courteous. ullet

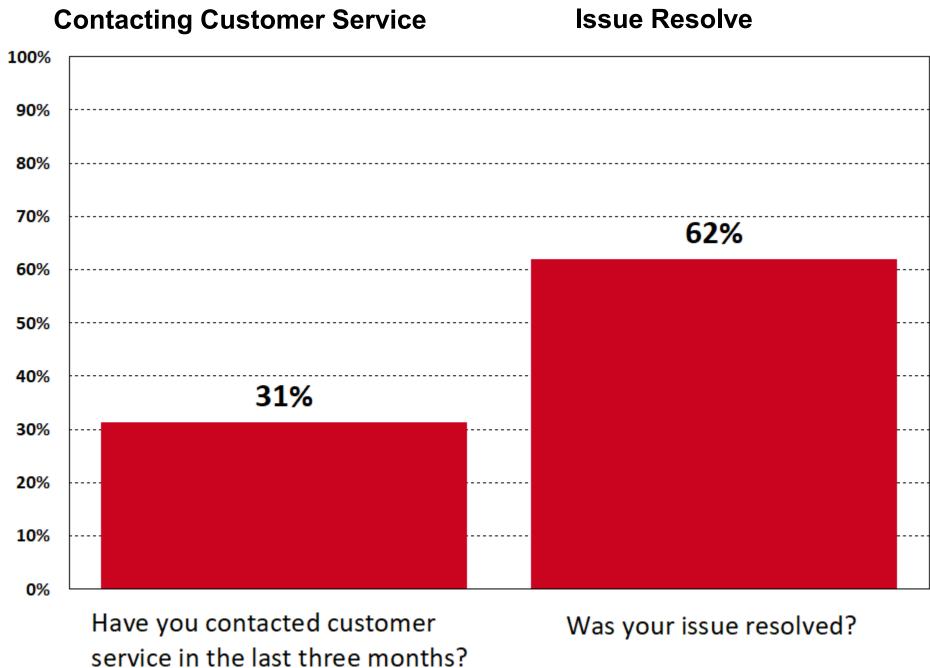








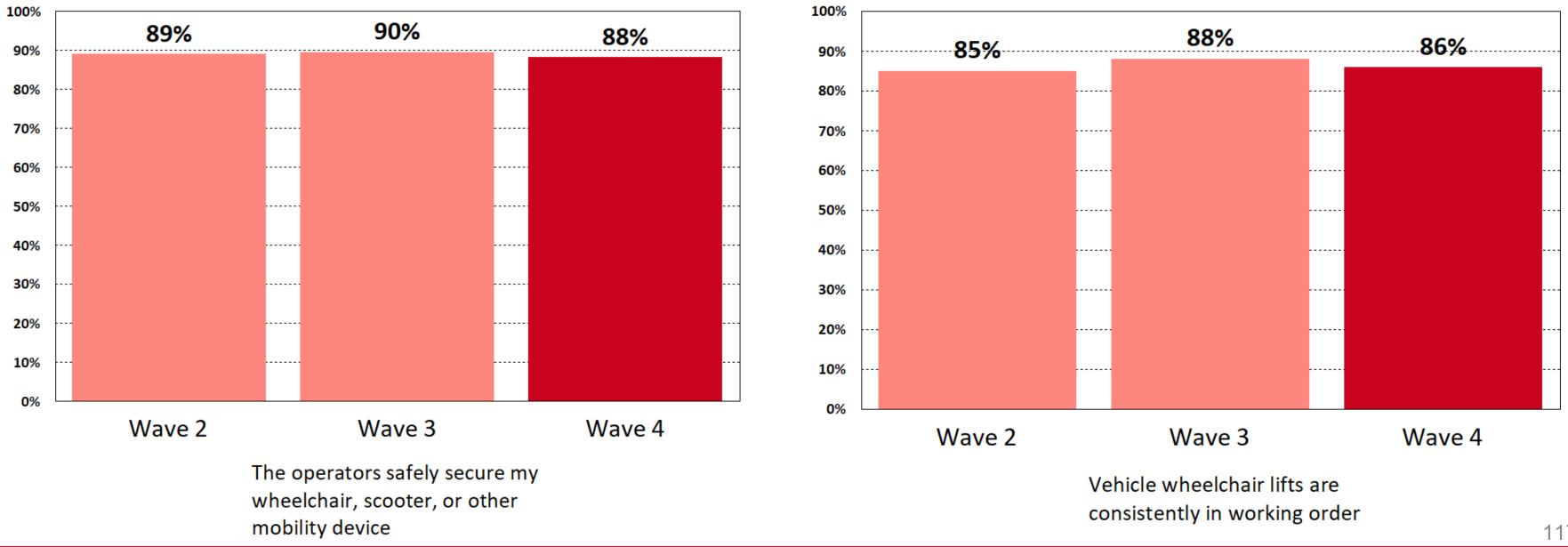
31% of respondents have contacted customer service in the last • three months, and 62% of their issues were resolved.







- 88% of respondents say that operators safely secure their mobility device. ullet
- 86% of respondents say that wheelchair lifts are consistently working. •



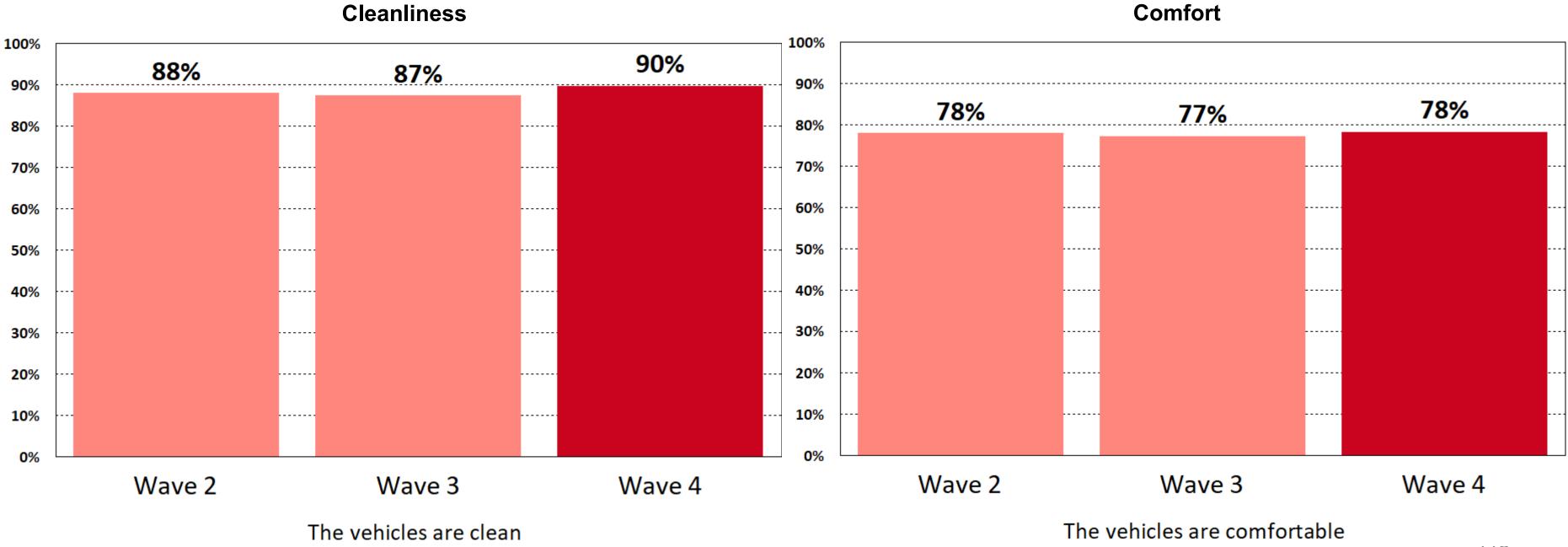
### **Operator Device Securance**



### Wheelchair Lift Functionality



- 90% of respondents say that the vehicles are clean. •
- 78% of respondents say that the vehicles are comfortable. •





### Comfort



- 78% of respondents repeat RTA messages to those who would benefit.
- 79% of respondents understand the available routes and are confident with navigation.

